

## When we make mistakes, we have choices:

1. **Make excuses to God**
2. **Own up in front of God**
3. **Give up on God**

### Examples

#### 1. Adam & Eve: Excuses

A. Adam blamed Eve

“The woman you gave me brought me the fruit. That’s why I ate it.”  
(Genesis 3:12)

B. Eve blamed the serpent

“The serpent tricked me. That's why I ate it.”  
(Genesis 3:13)

C. Discussion

Arrogance hinders help.

#### 2. David: Confession

A. David confessed to Nathan

David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”  
Nathan said to David, “Thus the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.”  
(2 Samuel 12:13)

B. Discussion

Humility opens the door for reconciliation.

#### 3. Judas: Lack of hope

A. Judas underestimated God

Then Judas, who was betraying Him, answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” He said to him, “You have said it.”  
(Matthew 26:25)

B. Judas lost hope in God

Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, “I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.” And they said, “What is that to us? You see to it!” Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself.  
(Matthew 27:3-5)

**Take-home**

- 1. Admit. Own up.**
- 2. Repent. If you fall, get up. Don't give up.**
- 3. Seek God. Seek help. Don't lose hope.**