



# OWN IT

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** Nobody's perfect - even the best of us are going to make mistakes sometimes. Though we all know this, it can be really difficult to own up to our actions - to God, to others, even to ourselves. If we want to move forward, though, we've got to be bold enough to own our mistake.

### 2. DISCUSSION:



Genesis 3:11-13

*"...the Lord God asked, 'Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What have you done?'*

*'The serpent deceived me,' she replied. 'That's why I ate it.'"*

From the very beginning, humans have been blame-shifting. It's intimidating to admit our faults!

Q . Why do you think Adam and Eve shifted the blame? What were they afraid of?

Q . When you shift the blame from yourself, who or what usually gets blamed?  
How does that make you feel in the moment?  
How might that negatively affect you in the long run?

### 3. CHALLENGE:

1 John 1:8-10

*"If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."*



God is rich in love and mercy, but he wants us to be honest. When we fail, we've got to own it, confess it to Him, and move forward.

Q . How do you feel in the moment when you confess your sin to God? How do you feel afterward?

Q . Is "moving forward" and letting past mistakes go difficult for you? How might confessing your sin to God affect that?  
How might confessing to others affect it?



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family: thank God for his mercy and forgiveness. Confess any sins, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you to move forward in confidence and the assurance of your salvation.



# “STAY HUMBLE”

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**1. POWER VERSE:** **Luke 14:11** *“For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”*

**What’s Up: “I Will Choose To Be Humble!”**

**This week, we continue our series called, “Stand Out!” As Christians, it’s important that we stand out from the world and from culture. We must be different, and one of the greatest ways we can be different and stand out is to stay humble!**

## 2. DISCUSSION:

**Read: Luke 7:36-50** *One of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him. So he went to the Pharisee’s house. He took his place at the table. There was a woman in that town who had lived a sinful life. She learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house. So she came there with a special jar of perfume. She stood behind Jesus and cried at his feet. And she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair. She kissed them and poured perfume on them. The Pharisee who had invited Jesus saw this. He said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him. He would know what kind of woman she is. She is a sinner!” Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. “Two people owed money to a certain lender. One owed him 500 silver coins. The other owed him 50 silver coins. Neither of them had the money to pay him back. So he let them go without paying. Which of them will love him more?” Simon replied, “I suppose the one who owed the most money.” “You are right,” Jesus said. Then he turned toward the woman. He said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water to wash my feet. But she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss. But this*



*woman has not stopped kissing my feet since I came in. You did not put any olive oil on my head. But she has poured this perfume on my feet. So I tell you this. Her many sins have been forgiven. She has shown that she understands this by her great acts of love. But whoever has been forgiven only a little loves only a little.” Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” The other guests began to talk about this among themselves. They said, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”*



**Q. What did the sinful woman do when she saw Jesus? How did the religious leaders respond? How did Jesus respond to them?**

## 3. CHALLENGE:

**This world is full of prideful people who are constantly looking to promote themselves and make themselves greater. It’s all about popularity! However, that’s not how Jesus lived - and that’s not how Jesus wants us to live either. Jesus displayed a life of humility. He was humble and he constantly blessed, promoted, & added value to humble people.**



## 4. PRAYER FOCUS

**We need to do our very best to live like Jesus - a life of humility. Jesus had an “Others First, Me Last” attitude about everything! We should too! If we put others first, we will really STAND OUT for Jesus! Pray that your children would have a humble attitude in life. Pray that they would truly live out “others first, me last.”**