



**Repositioned With a New License  
(Giving Yourself Authority to Change and  
Confront What Is Not True)**

**December 13, 2020**

**Series Review:**

1. December 6, 2020: Repositioning Yourself to Change (Giving Yourself **Permission** to Change)
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**Big Question: What have you not been licensed or given authority to do?**

**My Answer: My religious culture did not license me to think beyond our religious tribe**

**Note:** I was being lied to and could not recognize that **immature Christians** had me **thinking** about the **wrong things** at the **wrong times** in my life

**Text:** Philippians 4:8–9 (NIV): 8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is **true**, whatever is **noble**, whatever is **right**, whatever is **pure**, whatever is **lovely**, whatever is **admirable**—if anything is **excellent** or **praiseworthy**—**think about such things**.

**I. The First Four Lies in Scripture  
That Repositioned Adam and Eve**

**The First Lie:** He lied about the **consequence** (What are the consequences for your choices?)

- Genesis 3:1-4 (NIV): 3 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’” 2 The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’” v4 **“You will not certainly die,”** the serpent said to the woman.

**The Second Lie:** He lied about their **potential** to become God like (Have you gone too far?)

- 5 “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.”

**The Third Lie:** He lied about how good **it** looks (What is your “IT?”); v5

**The Fourth Lie:** He lied about **how to gain wisdom** (How do you define wisdom compared to how you defined it in the past?)

- 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and **pleasing to the eye**, and **desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it

## II. The Results of Believing the First Four Lies?

1. **They compromised and ate the fruit (What are you eating?)**
  - 6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and **pleasing to the eye**, and also **desirable for gaining wisdom**, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.
2. **They saw themselves differently and lost confidence (They felt naked)**
  - 7 Then **the eyes of both of them were opened**, and **they realized they were naked**; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.
3. **They hid themselves (God asked, where are you?)**
  - 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and **they hid** from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, **“Where are you?”**
4. **They became afraid**
  - 10 He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and **I was afraid** because I was naked; so I hid.”  
11 And he said, **“Who told you that** you were naked? **Have you eaten** from the tree **that I commanded you not to eat from?**”
5. **They turned on each other**
  - 12 The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

**Closing: Have you given yourself permission to confront the lies you have been believing?**

## III. The Way to Move Beyond the First Four Lies: Repent, 2 Chronicles 7:11-14 (NIV)

- 11 When Solomon had finished the temple of the Lord and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the Lord and in his own palace, 12 the Lord appeared to him at night and said: “I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices.
- 13 “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, 14 **if my people, who are called by my name**, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

**Note: The Results of Not Repenting: 2 Chronicles 7:19–22**

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19 “But if you turn away and forsake the decrees and commands I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, 20 then **I will uproot Israel from my land**, which I have given them, and

will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. **I will make it a byword and an object of ridicule** among all peoples.

21 **This temple will become a heap of rubble.** All who pass by will be appalled and say, ‘Why has the Lord done such a thing to this land and to this temple?’ 22 People will answer, ‘**Because they have forsaken the Lord, the God of their ancestors, who brought them out of Egypt**, and have embraced other gods, worshiping and serving them—that is **why he brought all this disaster on them.**’ ”