

## Genesis 3:9

*Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"*

We all go through times in our lives when we fall into sin and we are sure God is ready to pounce on us because of what we did. We think that, *"God will not forgive me this time. I did it on purpose and I know He just hates me for it,"* But I do not read that about God. Even King David says:

† **Psalm 32:5** *I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah*

We think of King David as being perfect because he was a man after God's own heart. Yet we seem to forget that he was a murderer and committed adultery with the wife of the man he had murdered. And he did them both willingly. But he did repent of what he did, just like we should repent as well. We should not see God as an unloving God ready to pounce on us, but rather a forgiving God ready to forgive us, just as God forgave King David.

Let's go back to today's devotional verse. We all know the story of how Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the forbidden tree that God told them not to eat of, and they both tried to cover their own sins with fig leaves and they tried to hide from God. Think of your children when they mess up and they try to hide and we call out to *them* *"Where are you?"* even though we know where they are. What we are doing is pursuing them because we want to reconcile them to ourselves.

That's the same thing God was doing with Adam and Eve, He was pursuing them. Not to pounce on them and punish them, but rather to let them know that even though He did not like what they did, because He knew the consequences of what they had done, but He wanted them to know that He still loved them and that the love He has for them has not changed at all.

God knew that they were afraid, as they hid themselves from God because of what they had done. Yet God wanted to show them that you never ever have to be afraid to come to Him and confess your sins, because He will always forgive you no matter what you have said or done, no matter how many times.

† **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

Notice it say that *if we confess our sins*, not if we confess our sins ten times or less, or except for that one sin you did last week, or last night, or today. Nope, it clearly says that any sin that you commit He will forgive. Not because He is ready to pounce on you because of what you did, but to pour His love on you and remind you that He still loves you and you falling into sin does not

change the way He loves you. And we show Him in return that we love Him by not committing that sin or sins any longer. And our comfort is knowing that when we do mess up, and we all do and will, that we can come to Him for forgiveness, just like your little child knows that they can come to you anytime, because you love them unconditionally. How much more does God love us, His children!!!

† **Romans 8:35-39** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*