

PUTTING YOUR PAST IN ITS PLACE*

EXPLANATION	INNOCENT IN SITUATION	GUILTY IN SITUATION
Responded well	<p>BUCKET #1</p> <p>You were innocent in a past circumstance; You did no sin in response to being sinned against.</p> <p>Example: Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; David in 1 Samuel 24; Joseph in Genesis 17-50</p>	<p>BUCKET #3</p> <p>You were guilty in a past circumstance; you responded by repenting from your sin.</p> <p>Example: Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10</p>
Responded poorly	<p>BUCKET #2</p> <p>You were innocent in a past circumstance; you sinned in response to being sinned against.</p> <p>Example; Naomi in Ruth 1:19-22</p>	<p>BUCKET #4</p> <p>You were guilty in a past circumstance; you sinned in response and hardened your heart.</p> <p>Example: Saul in 1 Samuel 13:1-13; 15:1-22</p>
You may or may not be responsible for your past circumstance(s), but you are always responsible for how you choose to respond to it.		Therefore, a poor response puts responsibility for those consequences on you.

GOALS/ RESPONSES	INNOCENT IN SITUATION	GUILTY IN SITUATION
Responded well	<p>I choose to return good for evil (suffer well) Consider Romans 12</p>	<p>I see my sin and choose to confess and repent (next step: pursue reconciliation) Consider 2 Corinthians 7</p>
Responded poorly	<p>I was a victim in the situation but I responded sinfully (mourn the sin against me and repent of my own sin; next step humbly pursue reconciliation) Consider James 4</p>	<p>I have sinned but am not willing to confess/repent I have a hardened heart (confess and repent; walk in brokenness; next step; humbly pursue reconciliation) Consider Hebrews 12</p>