

ORGANIZING THE PAST

In what occurred, you were ...

	INNOCENT	GUILTY
You responded....	Bucket 01 / The innocent past when you responded well requires: Authentic Suffering → Face it honestly. Psalm 73:2 / <i>But as for me, my feet came close to stumbling, my steps had almost slipped.</i> → Face it biblically. Psalm 73:17 / <i>Until I came into the sanctuary of God</i> → Face it hopefully. 2 Corinthians 1:3 / <i>the Father of mercies and God of all comfort</i> → Face it missionally. 2 Corinthians 1:4 / <i>so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction</i>	Bucket 03 / The guilty past when you responded well requires: Joyful Remembrance → When you do not feel forgiven, choose to believe God's promise. (1 John 1:9) → When you continually rehearse your failures, learn not to wallow in sins of the past. → <i>Because of a lack of genuine repentance</i> / 2 Corinthians 7:9-10 → <i>Because of the fear of man</i> / Proverbs 29:25 → <i>Because of an unwillingness to forsake the sin</i> / Proverbs 28:13 → <i>By losing our awe of God's forgiving grace</i> / Jeremiah 33:8-9
You responded....	Bucket 02 / The innocent past when you responded poorly requires: Humble Analysis → Did you return evil for evil? (Romans 12:17-21) → Did you develop bitterness toward God? (like Naomi in the book of Ruth) → Did you develop an unbiblical view of people? (Matthew 22:37-40 / the second great command) → Did you develop an unbiblical view of yourself? (Romans 12:3) → Should you have confronted the abuser and if so, have you? (Matthew 18:15-18) → if you confronted the abuser and he requested forgiveness, have you granted it? (Ephesians 4:32)	Bucket 04 / The guilty past when you responded poorly requires: Honest Self-Confrontation → Realize that everyone has sin in their past? (1 John 1:8, 10 / <i>If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves</i>) → Understand that the key question is—How did you respond after the event? (2 Samuel 11:3-4) → Beware of significant consequences for not dealing with sin quickly. (Numbers 32:23 / Proverbs 13:15) → Rejoice because there is hope for getting out of bucket 4. (Psalms 32:1-7)