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1. Masculine Power: Taking Responsibility.

Genesis 2:4-7, 3:17-19

- Masculine Weakness: Passivity

2. Masculine Power: Remembering God.

Genesis 2:16-17, 1:27, 3:6

- Masculine Weakness: Silence

Warm-Up

1. What was one of your first responsibilities as a child?
2. What man has had the greatest positive impact or influence on your life? How did he impact you?

Talk It Over

3. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what did you find most challenging or helpful?
4. Isaiah 56 contains a prophecy against Israel. What are some of the ways the leaders failed to take responsibility? What did they run after?

- Do you see any similarities between this passage and what Adam does in Genesis 1-3?

5. Everyone needs to take responsibility, but the creation story in Genesis 1-3 reveals that when men don't take responsibility, there are devastating implications.

Note: We encourage all the men to personalize these next few questions. Consider the outcomes in your life.

- What are some of the good outcomes you have seen when men take responsibility?

- What are some of the not good outcomes you have seen when they don't?

- What challenges can men face in taking responsibility?

6. Read 1 John 1:5-10. What stands out to you in this passage?

Note: "1 John" and "John" are easily confused. The Apostle John wrote five books in the New Testament: John, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation. Your Bible's table of contents can help you find the right one.

- What are the risks of not walking in the light?

- Has there been sin in your life that you have hidden and left unconfessed? What impacts did that have on you? Did the impacts show up in other areas of your life?

Take It Home

7. While everyone needs to take responsibility and remember what God has said, failure by men in these areas is uniquely damaging.

- Men, what is an area you need to take more responsibility in or speak up in regard to what God has said?

- Women, who are the men in your life who you can pray for in these two areas?

Additional Reading: 1 Kings chapters 20-22 – the story of King Ahab's failure to take responsibility and remember what God had said.