



## **Beyond Your Failure**

"To struggle with your faith is often the surest sign that you have one." - AJ Swaboda  
in *After Doubt*

Our focus informs our faith

Study tip: ask "what's happening in this text" and then ask "what *else* could be happening in this text"

Genesis 3:8-13:<sup>8</sup> 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. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." <sup>11</sup> And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."<sup>13</sup> Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

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There are two observations that inform our hearing of this passage:

1. Adam seems afraid of the consequences not God's character
2. Adam is surprised by God's provision not God's punishment

Our focus impacts our faith. Are you focused on your failures or on God's faithfulness?