



“I Was Wrong”  
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**The 5 Languages of Apology:**

1. Expressing \_\_\_\_\_ . -I am \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Accepting \_\_\_\_\_ . -I was \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Making \_\_\_\_\_ . -What can I do to \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ . -Will you please \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Biblical Apology:**

*“Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent.”*

Matthew 5:23-26 (NASB)

What makes saying “I am wrong” so hard? 3 Things:

- I. \_\_\_\_\_
- II. \_\_\_\_\_
- III. \_\_\_\_\_

**Saying “I Was Wrong” in the Bible:**

- I. David Accepts Responsibility.

*Nathan then said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel, 'It is I who anointed you king over Israel and it is I who delivered you from the hand of Saul. I also gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your care, and I gave you the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added to you many more things like these! Why have you despised the word of the LORD by doing evil in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the sons of Ammon...'"*

II Sam 12:7-9 (NASB)

Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

II Sam 12:13 (NASB)

II. Joseph's Brothers said, "We Were Wrong."

*When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong which we did to him!" So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father charged before he died, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph, "Please forgive, I beg you, the transgression of your brothers and their sin, for they did you wrong."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in God's place? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve many people alive."*

Genesis 50:15-20 (NASB)

**Point: Loving others means accepting responsibility for your actions.  
Loving others means saying, "I was wrong."**

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!



1. How are you at accepting responsibility for your sin? How do you respond when those close to you confront you about your mistakes?
2. When have you accepted responsibility for your sin before God? When have you confessed before God or to another person?
3. When have you had to say "I was wrong" to someone you are in relationship with? What happened?
4. Is there someone that you need to apologize to right now?
5. How do you receive apologies? How do you offer apologies? How do those closest to you need to hear apologies from you?

**ANSWER KEY:**

The 5 Languages of Apology:

1. Expressing **REGRET**. - I am **SORRY**.
2. Accepting **RESPONSIBILITY**. - I was **WRONG**.
3. Making **RESTITUTION**. - What can I do to **MAKE IT RIGHT?**
4. Genuinely **REPENTING**. - I'll try not to do that **AGAIN**.
5. Requesting **FORGIVENESS**. - Will you please **FORGIVE ME?**

What makes saying "I am wrong" so hard? 3 Things

- I. **IMMATURITY**
- II. **SCRIPTING**
- III. **PERCEPTION OF WEAKNESS**