



ADDRESS THE MESS

Have you ever tried to clean up a mess, but it only made the mess get worse?

That's because every mess comes pre-packaged with bad options:

- Borrow more.
- Lie to cover up.
- Destroy evidence.
- Hide.

These options are tempting because they seem like they will quickly turn things around, but they always lead to more mess.

THE PROBLEM WITH THESE OPTIONS:

- The root of most messes is a breakdown or lack of virtue: integrity, honesty, patience, self-control, goodness, etc.
- Two wrongs don't make a right, and two messes don't make an un-mess.
- The real story is your response to the mess. The mess is just context, but your response to the mess becomes the permanent part of the story of your life.

THE SOLUTION:

- **Opt for virtue over hurt you.**
- Don't opt for anything that makes you a liar or a hypocrite for life.
- Ask yourself:
 - What story do I want to tell?
 - Which of my options do I want to be the permanent story of my life?