

## Step 9: Face UP

*(Facing up to the truth about the consequences)*  
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“Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is he who trusts in the LORD. The wise in heart are called discerning, and pleasant words promote instruction. Understanding is a fountain of life to those who have it, but folly brings punishment to fools. A wise man's heart guides his mouth, and his lips promote instruction. Pleasant words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” (Pro 16:20)

### After Dumb?

#### You can **fight** the **obvious**.

"But these men mock and curse at anything they do not understand, and like animals, they do whatever they feel like, thereby ruining their souls." (Jude 1:10)

#### You can **flee** the **outcome**.

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." (Gal 6:7-8)

#### You can **flog** the **owner**.

"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer **worthy to be** called your son.'" (Luke 15:21)

### I will F.A.C.E. it

“. . . 'I will give half my wealth to the poor, and if I find I have overcharged anyone on his taxes, I will penalize myself by giving him back four times as much!' Jesus told him, "This shows that salvation has come to this home today." (Luke 19:1-10)

#### I will **fix** what I **can**.

"...For I can do everything God asks me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power." (Phil 4:13)

#### I will **accept** what I **can't**.

"I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation, whether it be a full stomach or hunger, plenty or want;" (Phil 4:12)

#### I will **concentrate** on what I **can change**.

"Constantly remind the people about these laws, and you yourself must think about them every day and every night so that you will be sure to obey all of them. For only then will you succeed. Yes, be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt! For remember, the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Josh 1:8-9)

#### I will **expect** God to **Redeem** what I've **wrecked**.

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