

## The David Difference: Confession and Forgiveness

Psalm 32

An exceptional person.

Inner difference – “Man looks at the appearance, God looks at the heart.”  
(1 Samuel 16:7)

Hiding sin is a bad idea.

### 1. The blessing

We do not confess naturally (Genesis 3:10)

Strange and sad because it is a blessing!

v. 6 – Confidence

v. 8 – Counsel

Jeremiah 29:11 – “I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for calamity.”

### 2. The need

v. 3 – “I don’t want to talk about it.”

Painful discipline

Acts 3:19 “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden *His* face from you so that He does not hear.”

v. 1 – forgiven (*nasa*) “To lift; carry off”

### 3. The action required

v. 5 – “I acknowledged my sin to you.”

*yada* – “to know”

1 John 1:9

v. 5 – “my iniquity I did not hide”

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Luke 22:32 “I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.”

## Psalm 32 NASB

<sup>1</sup> How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! <sup>2</sup> How blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit!

<sup>3</sup> When I kept silent *about my sin*, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away *as* with the fever heat of summer. Selah. <sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah. <sup>6</sup> Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him. <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah.

<sup>8</sup> I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you. <sup>9</sup> Do not be as the horse or as the mule which have no understanding, whose trappings include bit and bridle to hold them in check, *otherwise* they will not come near to you. <sup>10</sup> Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but he who trusts in the LORD, lovingkindness shall surround him.

<sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; and shout for joy, all you who are upright in heart.