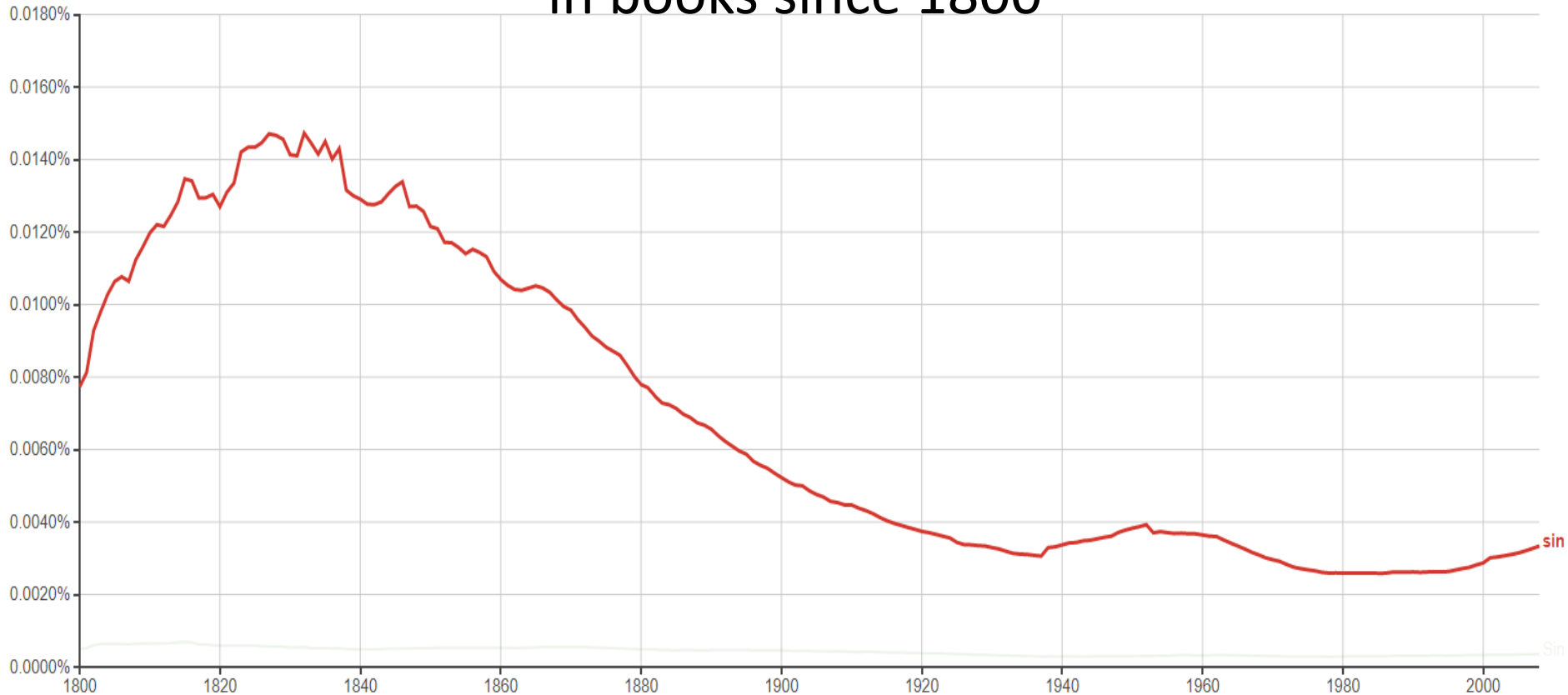


# The use of the word “sin” in books since 1800



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# DEFINING SIN

1. An offense against religious or moral law.
2. A transgression of the law of God.

-- Miriam Webster



# DEFINING MISTAKE

An error in action, calculation, opinion, or judgment caused by poor reasoning, carelessness, insufficient knowledge, etc.

-- Dictionary.com



# WHAT IS GUILT?

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*“The person who keeps every law of God but makes one little slip is just as guilty as the person who has broken every law there is.” James 2:10 TLB*

# GUILT IS A WARNING LIGHT

*“My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear.” Psa. 38:4 NIV*



# REAL GUILT

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

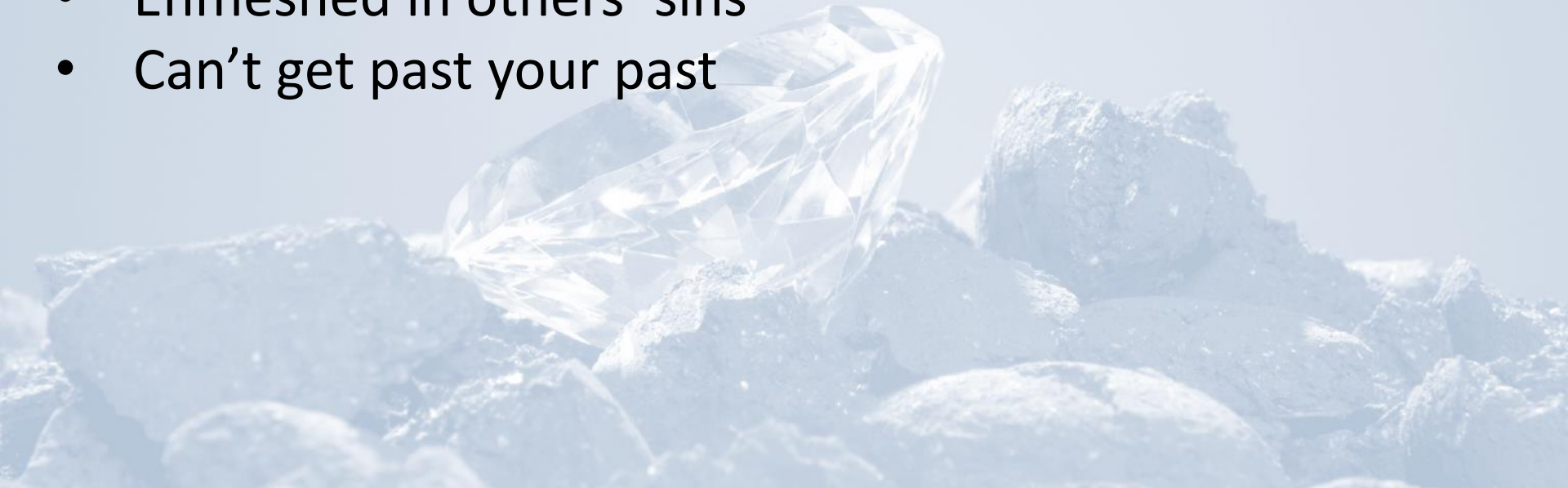
Rom 3:23 NIV





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*“You began your life in Christ by the Spirit. Now are you trying to make it complete by your own power? That is foolish.” Gal. 3:3 NCV*

# TRUE VS. FALSE GUILT

## 1. Is the focus on People or on God?

“False guilt is that which comes as the results of judgments and the suggestions of men. True guilt is that which comes as a result of divine judgment, what God thinks about the situation.”

-- Dr. Paul Tournier

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# OUR WAY OF HANDLING GUILT



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## 1. Shame

*“At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves.” Gen 3:7 NLT*



# OUR WAY OF HANDLING GUILT

1. Shame
2. Hiding

*“When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the Lord God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees.”*

Gen 3:8 NLT



# OUR WAY OF HANDLING GUILT

1. Shame
2. Hiding
3. Blame

*“Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?” The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” Then the Lord God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.” Gen 3:11-13 NLT*

# GOD'S WAY OF HANDLING GUILT: GRACE

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 NLT*

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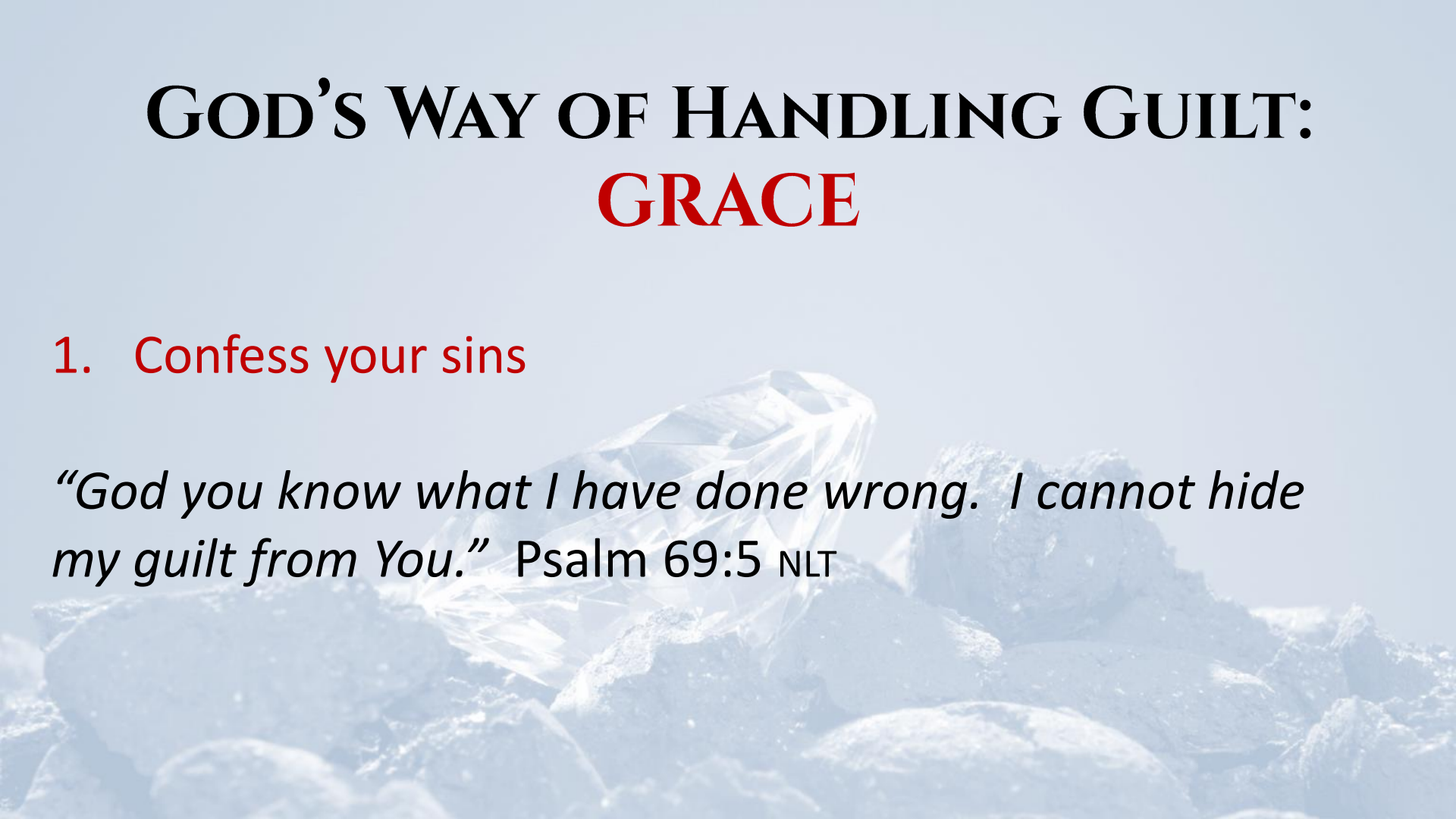
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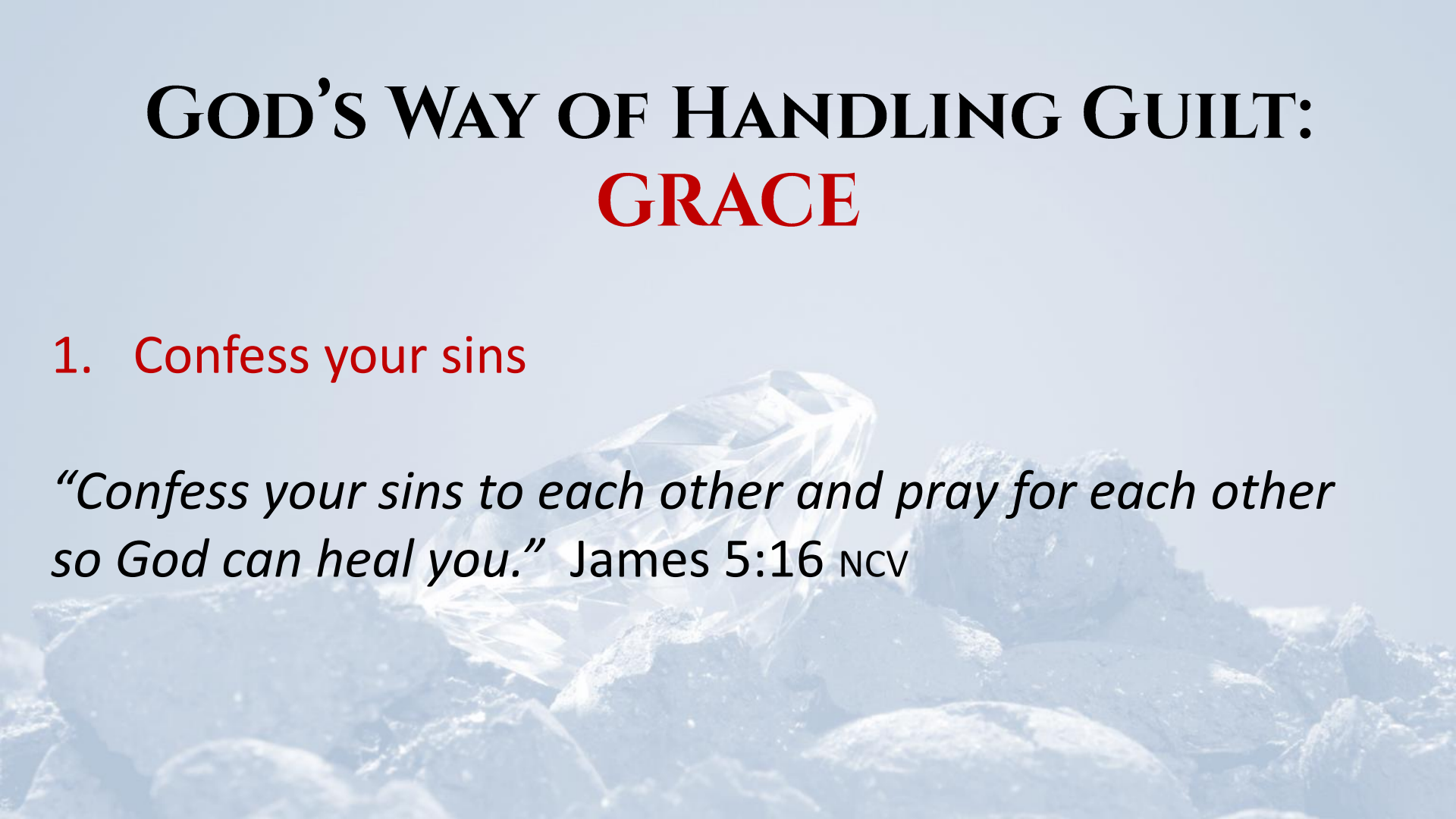
*"God you know what I have done wrong. I cannot hide my guilt from You." Psalm 69:5 NLT*

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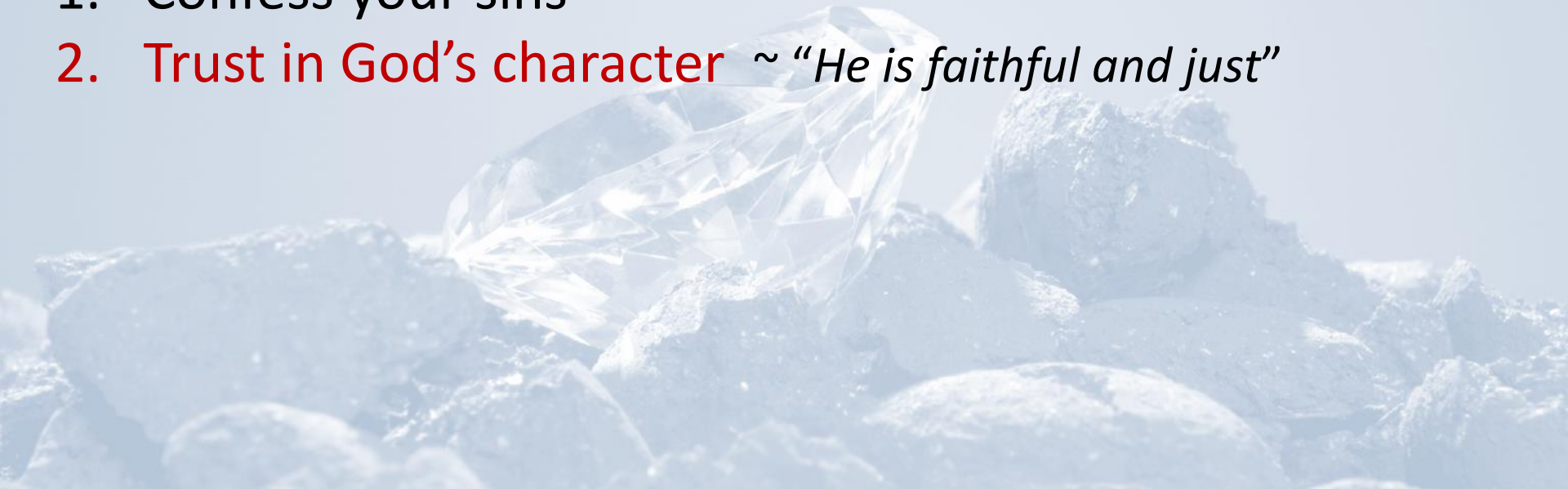
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*“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you.” James 5:16 NCV*

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*"Let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water."* Hebrews 10:22 NCV



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*"People who believe in God's Son are not judged guilty."*

John 3:18 NCV

# GOD'S WAY OF HANDLING GUILT: GRACE

*"I finally admitted all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, 'I will confess them to the Lord.' And You forgave me. All my guilt is gone."*

Psalm 32:5 TLB

EMBRACING GOD'S

*grace*

Q&A

