



COURAGEOUS FORGIVENESS //
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ONE SENTENCE VERSION:

To keep our vertical courage _____ we must practice courageous _____.

We do not like dirt or stains on us.

1. God knows our tendency to _____ in the _____ and our need to _____.

A. Living in the light helps us see the _____ and _____ in the form of _____ that _____ in our life.

B. Living with accumulated _____ is _____ and will keep us from experiencing _____ of Jesus.

C. _____ clears the _____ from your soul.

2. Courageous _____ is the key to _____ in vertical _____.

A. Some simple _____ need to be _____ in order for us to courageously confess.

1) What is _____ in order to be _____ at confession?

2) To _____ should I _____?

3) How _____ should I _____?

B. Some simple _____ to _____ when we courageously confess.

SO WHAT?

GO DEEPER

Day 1

Read the below verses then spend some time answering the questions.

1 John 1:9 & James 5:16

*John tells us to confess to God to be forgiven and James instructs us to confess to one another to be healed. Do you do this? Do you confess to God for forgiveness and do you confess to someone else to be healed? Why or why not?

*What's hard about confessing to one another? Do you have someone to listen to your confession and pray with you?

Day 2

Read the below verses then spend a few minutes answering the questions.

Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 32:5 & Acts 3:19

*What today do you need to confess to God; what do you need forgiveness for or from?

*Take some time now and grab a blank piece of paper and write your gratitude to God for His mercy and grace for your sin He has forgiven.

QUESTIONS FOR COMMUNITY

*How was your last week since we have been together as a group?

"Children of God should not make a general confession by acknowledging their innumerable sins in a vague manner, because such confession does not provide conscience opportunity to do its perfect work. They ought to allow the Holy Spirit through their conscience to point out their sins one by one. Christians must accept its reproach and be willing, according to the mind of the Spirit, to eliminate everything which is contrary to God." - Watchman Nee

*What are your thoughts about the above quote from Watchman Nee?

Read the following verse then answer the next question. "Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy." (Proverbs 28:13)

*Why do we hide from confessing sin to one another, when God promises mercy?

*What is your number one spiritual struggle from this past week or coming up that you can share? Close by praying for one another.

TEXT:

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. **(John 13:6-10 NIV)**

19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. **(John 3:19-21 NIV)**