

# Second Glance

## 8/6/23 “Hidden Sins”

Proverbs 28:13 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup>Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

1. Why would concealing transgression prevent someone from prospering?
2. What does it mean to prosper?

Psalms 32:title–11 (ESV)

A MASKIL OF DAVID.

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. <sup>2</sup>Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. <sup>3</sup>For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah

<sup>5</sup>I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

<sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. <sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. Selah

<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. <sup>9</sup>Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. <sup>10</sup>Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

3. What is the difference between *sin*, *transgression* & *iniquity*?
4. According to David in verse 1, who is blessed? Why are they blessed?
5. What are the consequences of “hidden sins” (vv. 3-4)
  - a. What might be other consequences not mentioned here?

1 John 1:6–9 (ESV)

<sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

<sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

<sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6. According to John, how does lying & deceit affect our relationship with God? One another? Ourselves?
7. And yet, if we confess our sins, what has God promised?

DISCUSSION:

8. Why are we so tempted to conceal our sin?
9. How is hiding our sins a demonstration of our lack of trust in God?
10. What should confession look like?
  - a. To whom? God? Person sinned against? Others?
11. What have you experienced in your life when you have confessed and repented of hidden sins?
12. Is there anything you need to confess now?