

## People Get Ready

### Psalm 32:3-5 NLT

3 When I refused to *confess* my sin,  
my body wasted away,  
and I groaned all day long.

4 Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me.  
My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat.

*Interlude*

5 *Finally, I confessed all my sins to you*  
and stopped trying to hide my guilt.

I said to myself, “I will confess my *rebellion* to the Lord.”  
And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. *Interlude*

## You can't heal what you hide

### Proverbs 28:13 NLT

13 People who conceal their sins will not prosper,  
*but if they confess* and turn from them, they *will* receive  
mercy.

### 1 Kings 21:20-26 NLT

20 “So, my enemy, you have found me!” Ahab exclaimed to Elijah. “Yes,” Elijah answered, “I have come because you have sold yourself to what is evil in the Lord’s sight. 21 So now the Lord says, ‘I will bring disaster on you and consume you. I will destroy every one of your male descendants, slave and free alike, anywhere in Israel! 22 I am going to destroy your family as I did the family of Jeroboam son of Nebat and the family of Baasha son of Ahijah, for you have made me very angry and have led Israel into sin.’ 23 “And regarding Jezebel, the Lord says, ‘Dogs will eat Jezebel’s body at the plot of land in Jezreel.’ 24 “The members of Ahab’s family who die in the city will be eaten by dogs, and those who die in the field will be eaten by vultures.” 25 (No one else so completely sold himself to what was evil in the Lord’s sight as Ahab did

under the influence of his wife Jezebel. 26 His worst outrage was worshiping idols just as the Amorites had done—the people whom the Lord had driven out from the land ahead of the Israelites.)

### **1 Kings 21:27-29a NLT**

“But when Ahab heard this message, he tore his clothing, dressed in burlap, and fasted. He even slept in burlap and went about in deep mourning. Then another message from the Lord came to Elijah: “Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has done this, I will not do what I promised during his lifetime.

### **Revelation 2:4-5 NLT**

4 “But I have this complaint against you. You don’t love me or each other as you did at first! 5 Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first. If you don’t repent, I will come and remove your lamp stand from its place among the churches.

### **Revelation 2:20-21 NLT**

20 “But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman—that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet—to lead my servants astray. She teaches them to commit sexual sin and to eat food offered to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to turn away from her immorality.

### **Revelation 3:1-3 NLT**

3 “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars: “I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. 3 Go back to what you heard and

believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don't wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief.

"It's only when we recognize the depth of our own sin that we can truly express gratitude for our Savior."

### **Romans 2:4 NLT**

4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

### **2 Peter 3:9 NLT**

9 The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for *your* sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.

### People take sin too lightly

### **Psalms 38:17-18 NLT**

17 I am on the verge of collapse,  
facing constant pain.

18 But.. I confess my sins;

I am deeply sorry for what I have done.

There are moments in life..when we must look at sin and...  
get sick of it. Get mad about it. Even hate it. Look at this  
next.. NT verse.

### **Romans 12:9 NIV**

9 Love must be sincere. *Hate what is evil*; cling to what is good.

### **Hebrews 12:1 NLT**

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, *let us strip off* every weight

that slows us down, *especially the sin that so easily trips us up*. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.

**1 Peter 2:24 NLT**

“He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By *his* wounds you are healed.”

**1 Kings 21:27 NLT**

27 But when Ahab heard this message, he tore his clothing, dressed in burlap, and fasted. He even slept in burlap and went about in deep mourning.

**Proverbs 3:20 NKJV**

20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up,  
And clouds drop down the dew.