

PSALM 32

VERSE TO MEMORIZE

"I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. " - Psalm 32:5

CHALLENGE

In moments of sin and failure, where will you go and what will you do? Will you run away from God and hide from His presence? Will you run to Him and seek forgiveness and restoration? The message of the cross of Jesus is that we can run to God in those times when we have sinned and we can know that He is faithful to forgive us and restore us into a right relationship with Him. May you run to God this week and seek refuge in him!

1. Has there been a time in your life when you knew that you had sinned and needed God's forgiveness? What was that time in your life like? How did you come to realize that you needed to repent and seek forgiveness from God?
2. Describe how it feels to know that you are stuck in sin. Describe how it feels to know that you are forgiven. Which feeling do you prefer?
3. What would you tell your best friend who is in the midst of sin about the grace and mercy of God to change them and their situation?
4. What rewards have you received as a result of repenting and seeking God's forgiveness for the sin in your life? What have you learned?
5. Why is David crying out to God, asking for mercy and for God to blot out his transgressions in Psalm 51? Read 2 Samuel 11. Describe David's sin.
6. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-7. Who confronted David concerning his sin? How did he confront David?
7. Psalm 51 is David's reaction to Nathan's confrontation. How would you describe David's reaction?
8. What does David say about what God desires from those who have sinned? Read Psalm 51:16- 17. Have you ever wept and been broken over the sin in your life or the life of someone you love?

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9. In Psalm 32:1-2, how many different words does David use for sin? Why does he use these words?
10. How does David describe sin's effect in his life? Read Psalm 32:3-4. Can you relate to the way David felt in the midst of his sin?
11. Who does David say that he has sinned against when he realizes the gravity of his sin? Read Psalm 51:3-4. Name some of the people that David could have claimed that he sinned against. When you sin, do you realize that you have sinned against God?
12. How many different words does David use to talk about how God deals with our sin in Psalm 32:1-2? What can we learn about God through understanding how He deals with the issue of sin in our life?
13. What does God do when we confess our sin to Him? Read Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9 & 2:1-2.
14. How does the world deal with sin? How is that different than how God deals with sin?
15. How does David respond to God's forgiveness of his sin? Read Psalm 32:8-9 and Psalm 51:13.
16. Have you ever had an opportunity to teach someone to avoid the sins that trapped and devastated your life? If you have, how was your instruction received?
17. Have you ever been on the receiving end of instruction to avoid sin? How has your life been changed because someone took the time to warn you about sin and its power?
18. If you could spend 15 minutes in front of a room of high school students, what would you tell them about the importance of following God's word and avoiding sin in their life?
19. What does David say about his renewed commitment to God as a result of being forgiven? Read Psalm 51:10-12. Have you ever prayed for this kind of renewal in your life?
20. Read Psalm 32:11 and Psalm 51:14-15. Is forgiveness a reason to praise God?
21. How do you, or should you, praise God for the forgiveness that you have received in your life?
22. Do you need a renewed commitment to God in your life? Is sin keeping you from experiencing the joy, peace, and freedom that God desires for you?
23. Answer this personally (not for discussion). What sin do you need to confess to God and seek forgiveness for right now?