

No Excuses

Exodus 32:15-24



Then Moses turned and went down the mountain. He held in his hands the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. These tablets were God's work; the words on them were written by God himself.

Exodus 32:15-16 NLT



When Joshua heard the boisterous noise of the people shouting below them, he exclaimed to Moses, "It sounds like war in the camp!"

But Moses replied, "No, it's not a shout of victory nor the wailing of defeat. I hear the sound of a celebration."

When they came near the camp, Moses saw the calf and the dancing, and he burned with anger.

Exodus 32:17-19a NLT

He threw the stone tablets to the ground, smashing them at the foot of the mountain. He took the calf they had made and burned it. Then he ground it into powder, threw it into the water, and forced the people to drink it.

Exodus 32:19b-20 NLT



Sooner or later God will confront our sin.



How long, O Lord?

How long will the wicked be allowed to gloat?

Psalm 94:3 NLT



"Why do the wicked prosper,
growing old and powerful?

They live to see their children grow up and settle down,
and they enjoy their grandchildren.

Their homes are safe from every fear,
and God does not punish them.

Their bulls never fail to breed.

Their cows bear calves and never miscarry.



They let their children frisk about like lambs.
Their little ones skip and dance.

They sing with tambourine and harp.
They celebrate to the sound of the flute.

They spend their days in prosperity,
then go down to the grave in peace.”

Job 21:7-13 NLT



When we see sin, we must confront sin
and destroy sin.



So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

Matthew 5:29 NLT



My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

James 5:19-20 NLT

As iron sharpens iron,
so a friend sharpens a friend.

Proverbs 27:17 NLT



Take responsibility for your sin.



If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

1 John 1:8-10 NLT



Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said,

“Awake, O sleeper,
rise up from the dead,
and Christ will give you light.”

Ephesians 5:11-14 NLT



But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9 NLT



There is freedom in confession.



For I recognize my rebellion;
it haunts me day and night.

Psalm 51:3 NLT



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

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

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.

Psalms 32:3-5 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 Peter 2:24 NLT

