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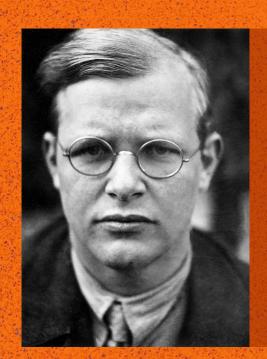
READING PLAN: Text PSALMS to 97000 "I realized that starting my day in the Word really does make life a little easier to cope with. I haven't done devotionals in a while and I see a difference in my days already."

—Presley



"It's beautiful and encouraging to see brothers and sisters studying God's word and seeking him first thing in the morning. I pray his presence stays with you throughout the day..." —*Ember*





Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Whenever the Psalter is abandoned, an incomparable treasure vanishes from the Christian church. With its recovery will come unsuspected power."



FACT

In Psalms, the word BLESSED is translated 53 times (ESV).



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Self Confession

I am a rebel who has missed the mark of God, leaving me crooked and twisted and broken.



Pathway back to a Blessed Life: COME CLEAN



David's Psalms of Confession:

6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143

Other Psalms containing David's confessions: 14, 15, 25, 31, 39, 40, 41



Life Lesson

Own your junk or your junk will own you.



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THE FALL



Two options when dealing with sin

1) Concealing – sickens you





Charles Swindoll

"Hiding wrong doesn't erase wrong; it only postpones its discovery."



Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

Nothing in all creation is <u>hidden from God's sight</u>. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.



Matthew 10:26

...for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.



Jeremiah 16:17

"For My eyes are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity concealed from My eyes."



Psalm 32:3-4

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*



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Sin will always
take you farther than you want to go...
teach you more than you want to know...
cost you more than you want to pay...
keep you longer than you want to stay.



Proverbs 28:13

People who **CONCEAL** their sins will not prosper, but if they **CONFESS** and turn from them, they will receive mercy.



Two options when dealing with sin

- 1) Concealing sickens you
- 2) Confession frees you



Romans 4:7

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sins are put out of sight.



Psalm 32:5

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.



Psalm 51:2

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity...cleanse me from my sin...



Psalm 103:12 (GNT)

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he **remove** our sins from us.



1 John 1:9 (NIV)

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.



Life Principle

When we cover our sin, God uncovers them. When we uncover our sin, God covers them.



1) Agree with God about the course of your life.

Don't do these horrible things that I hate so much.

—Jeremiah 44:4



- 1) Agree with God about the course of your life.
- 2) Come broken to this reality.

A broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. —Psalm 51:17



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Confess your sins one to another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. — James 5:16



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- 4) Leave resolved not to return.

I will **instruct** you and **teach** you in the way you should go; I will **counsel** you **with my eye upon you**. –Ps. 32:8



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Psalm 32:7

...you surround me with songs of deliverance.



Psalm 32:7

You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance.



Psalm 32:7 Don't hide from God; hide in God

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Selah







