

# The Power of Confession

## Walk With a Limp - Part 3

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“... The Lord was displeased with what David had done.” 2 Samuel 11:27 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup>David was furious. ‘As surely as the Lord lives,’ he vowed, ‘any man who would do such a thing *deserves to die!*’ ... <sup>7</sup>Then Nathan said to David, ‘*You are that man!*’ ...” 2 Samuel 12:5, 7 (NLT)

“Then David *confessed* to Nathan, ‘*I have sinned against the Lord.*’ ... ” 2 Samuel 12:13 (NLT)

**Confession is powerful.**

**Confession is also extremely hard.**

“For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light and made known to all.” Luke 8:17 (NLT)

**You can confess your sin and bring it out or it can be brought out for you. You choose.**

**Confession breaks the death grip of sin.**

“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they *confess* and *turn* from them, they will receive mercy.” Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

**Confession begins the healing process.**

<sup>13</sup>Then David confessed to Nathan, ‘I have sinned against the Lord.’ Nathan replied, ‘Yes, but *the Lord has forgiven you!*’ ... ” 2 Samuel 12:13 (NLT)

**Confession leads to forgiveness.**

<sup>8</sup>If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. <sup>9</sup>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 1:8-9 (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)

**Jesus took our place on the cross so we could take His place with God.**

**Confession leads to salvation.**

“... If you *confess* with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and *believe* in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be *saved* ... ” Romans 10:9 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. ... <sup>5</sup> 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. .... <sup>8</sup> The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the *best pathway for your life.* I will advise you and watch over you. ... <sup>10</sup> ... unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord.” Psalm 32:3, 5, 8, 10 (NLT)

“So now there is *no condemnation* for those who belong to Christ Jesus.” Romans 8:1 (NLT)