

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)

⁵David was furious. ‘As surely as the Lord lives,’ he vowed, ‘any man who would do such a thing *deserves to die!*’ ... ⁷Then 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.

¹³Then 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.

⁸If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹But 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)

³ When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. ... 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. ⁸ The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the *best pathway for your life.* I will advise you and watch over you. ... ¹⁰ ... 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)