

Hide or Speak
Psalm 32:1-7

We tend to hide things from ourselves and from others to our detriment, but the most harmful kind of hiding we do is when we hide our faults and failures from _____. In Psalm 32, David addresses this issue of our hiding from God and offers a better way—the way that leads to _____, to _____.

David knew that hiding and refusing to acknowledge his sin had brought him nothing but heartache and _____. Today we know secrecy is associated with many physical and emotional problems. Constant vigilance and concealment can be _____. It is also common to ruminate on our secrets. Thinking about our secrets tends to make us feel _____, isolated and _____.

James 5:16 says, “Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” _____ is unlikely to come unless we confess first. This means the church must become a Galatians 6:1 church. Each time we _____ a brother or sister for their sin rather than gently _____ them, we make it harder to follow the Biblical mandate to confess.

God alone is holy and is the One most _____ by sin. Confession is _____ if not directed toward Him. Confession is also of _____ value unless it is directed toward Him. The Pharisees were right when they said of Jesus, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy. Who can forgive sins but God alone.”

Do you want real forgiveness, release from _____, a new sense of being _____ and of blessedness? “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” This is God’s _____ promise to you.

It seems providential that this sermon falls on Mother’s Day since, for many of us, our mothers were the ultimate _____ of this Godlike behavior. In many ways, my mom showed that she would not count my sins against me. I learned the _____ and _____ of God through her model.