

Breakthrough

Week 3: Confession

God can **BE TRUSTED**.

We choose **SIN** when we don't trust in God's **GOODNESS**.

We resist **CONFESSION** when we don't trust in God's forgiveness & **RESTORATION**.

Psalm 37:3-5 (NRSV)

³Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

⁴Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

James 5:15-16

¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 4:1-10

¹What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁴You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? ⁶But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble."

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

Share a time when God "showed up" in your life with provision, healing, opportunity, or some other evidence of his power. How did that experience change the way you trusted the next time you were in need of God's activity?

What is a current "breakthrough" need/space you are seeking God in during this series?

Read the Scriptures on the other side of this Guide.

:: What sticks out to you? What about that thing are processing? How might God be speaking to you there?

:: What is especially encouraging for you in these passages?

:: What is especially challenging?

Pastor Jeremiah shared that our sin and resistance to confession are evidence we don't trust God.

:: How does this change the way you view places of sin and confession in your life?

:: What are you continuing to process from this concept?

:: How might this be impacting your current "breakthrough" need/space?

What is something God has been prompting you to confess to others about your relationship with him, others, or in connection with your purpose?

What was your answer to the question, "Where do you need to risk in trust?"

Unless otherwise noted, today's Scripture is from the New International Version [NIV].

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Where do you need to **RISK** in **TRUST** ?



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