



# “Honest To God”

Part 1 of 1

Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Latham Campus

Text: Psalm 32

Psalm 32:1-2 (ESV), “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

## I. CONFESSION KEEPS US HONEST.

Psalm 24:3-4a (ESV), “Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false...”

Matthew 5:8 (ESV), “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

Isaiah 66:2 (NLT), “My hands have made both heaven and earth; they and everything in them are mine. I, the Lord, have spoken! I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at my word.”

Psalm 32:3-4 (ESV), “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

## II. CONFESSION HEALS AND SOOTHES

James 5:14a, 16b (ESV), “Is anyone among you sick... confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Psalm 103:2-3 (ESV), “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**“There are no problems we cannot solve together, and very few that we can solve by ourselves.” -Lyndon B. Johnson**

Psalms 32:5 (ESV), “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.

### **III. CONFESSION REVEALS THE HEART OF GOD.**

2 Samuel 12:7,9a,13a (NET), “Nathan said to David, “You are that man! This is what the Lord God of Israel has said: ‘I chose[a] you to be king over Israel and I rescued you from the hand of Saul. Why have you shown contempt for the Lord’s decrees by doing evil in my sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and you have taken his wife to be your own wife! Then David exclaimed to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord!” Nathan replied to David, “Yes, and the Lord has forgiven your sin...”

Luke 15:18-22 (ESV), “I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”” And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.

Psalms 32:11 (ESV), “Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

### **IV. CONFESSION CALLS FOR CELEBRATION**

Matthew 5:4 (ESV), “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Psalms 30:8,11-12 (NET), “To you, O Lord, I cried out; I begged the Lord for mercy: Then you turned my lament into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and covered me with joy. So now my heart will sing to you and not be silent; O Lord my God, I will always give thanks to you.”

Psalms 103:12 (ESV), “as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Romans 8:1 (ESV), "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."