

THE HIDING PLACE – PART IV
“Hide Me in Your Forgiveness”
Psalm 32

One thing all people share in common is that we make mistakes, we create messes, we do things that hurt other people and ourselves. The solution to the messes we create is confessing our sins to God and receiving his forgiveness. In today’s teaching, David comes clean before God regarding a sin in his life and shows us the blessing of receiving God’s forgiveness.

- 1. THE HIDING PLACE IS A _____ WHERE FORGIVENESS IS _____, vv. 1-2**
 - A. We are blessed when transgressions are forgiven,
 - B. We are blessed when sins are covered
 - C. We are blessed when the Lord doesn’t count sin against us
 - D. We are blessed when we come clean, Rom 4:7-8

- 2. THE HIDING PLACE IS WHERE THE _____ OF OUR DENIAL ARE _____, vv. 3-5**
 - A. David’s bones wasted away – groaning all day
 - B. David felt God’s hand of discipline
 - C. David’s strength was sapped like on a hot day
 - D. David had his guilt “lifted away” immediately

- 3. THE HIDING PLACE SHOULD BE ACCESSED WITH _____ – TO GIVE OURSELF A BREAK, vv. 6-7**
 - A. Confession helps eliminate the chaos of life
 - B. Confession brings us into the place of grace (hiding place)
 - C. Confession brings us into a place of protection
 - D. Confession brings songs of deliverance, 1 John 1:9

- 4. THE HIDING PLACE IS WHERE WE ARE TAUGHT HOW TO _____ IN GOD’S GRACE, vv. 8-11**
 - A. God instructs, teaches, and counsels in the hiding place
 - B. God wants us to freely come to him – unlike animals
 - C. God enables us to stand in his grace, Rom 5:1-2
 - D. God surrounds us with his unfailing love (*hesed*)
 - E. God’s grace is to be celebrated

APPLICATION POINTS
TWO ASPECTS OF FORGIVENESS

1. Forgiveness of sin when you trust Jesus for _____:
 - A. Justified by faith, Rom 4:5-8
 - B. Righteousness of Jesus is imputed to you
 - C. All past sins are forgiven

2. Forgiveness of sin moment-by-moment:
 - A. Confession enhances the _____ of your walk with the Lord
 - B. Confession of sin keeps us _____ before the Lord
 - C. Confession of sin keeps us in tune with the _____
 - D. Confession should be a daily _____

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

- #1. Why do people have a tendency to go into denial about their sins?
- #2. Consider the three different ways that David describes God's forgiveness in vv. 1-2.
- #3. Consider the difference between the two aspects of forgiveness in the application points on the outline.
- #4. Reflect on what was happening to David when he was in denial about his sin. (vv. 3-4)
- #5. For what reason(s) was the Lord's hand heavy on David? (vv. 3-4)
- #6. Reflect on the blessings of receiving God's forgiveness (vv. 6-7)
- #7. Why do we sometimes have a hard time receiving God's forgiveness?
- #8. Why should God's forgiveness be celebrated?
- #9. What are your takeaways from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church

Love, Acceptance, Forgiveness!

*You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.*

Psalm 32:7

*November 26, 2023
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Pastor Bruce will be teaching on Psalm 32, which is a joyful celebration of God's forgiveness.

AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE HELP DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Stick around and help set up the Christmas tree and decorate the sanctuary. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

NEXT WEEK CHILDREN'S PLAY – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The children's ministry will be doing a Christmas drama during the service.

OPEN HOUSE AT BRUCE & CAROL'S – SATURDAY, DEC 16

Everyone is invited for snacks and refreshments from 4-7pm.

CHRISTMAS EVE WITH ROSEVILLE CITY CHURCH

There will not be a morning service December 24th. Roseville City Church will be joining us at our facility for the candlelight service in the evening.

This would require a time change to 4pm rather than our usual 7pm.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CIRBY SCHOOL KIDS

Every year Hillcrest Church gives gifts to underprivileged families and children at Cirby school. Our generous gifts have been very impactful for the children and families. The principle Farah Friends, the staff of Cirby school and the families are grateful for the presents. In the back of the sanctuary are a basket full of names for you to choose from. Follow the instructions and bring the gifts to church no later than **December 10**.

UPDATING THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

Would you fill out the form at the back of the sanctuary so you can be included in the directory. If your contact information needs to be updated please do so.

ONLINE GATHERINGS CANCELED FOR DECEMBER

The Prayer Meeting on Tuesday nights is cancelled for the month of December as is the Wednesday Bible Study. Both will begin in January of 2024

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com). Consider giving to the building fund so we can continue to upgrade our facility.

In order to replace the roof and do our electrical upgrades we had to borrow some money. Our debt is \$19,896, which we would like to eliminate ASAP. Would you prayerfully consider giving a little extra to pay off the loan so we can be debt free and avoid paying interest.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hillcrest Church please indicate your interest by signing up in the back of the sanctuary and we will set a date for the class.

ANNUAL MEETING – VISION 2024

Will be January 14th during the service. Pastor Bruce will be talking about the vision for 2024, there will be a slide show about 2023 in review, presentation of the budget, followed by a potluck celebration.