

A Tale of 3 Kings



Straight To The Heart

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The concealment of sin is a pathway to misery

By judging others, we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Adam confronted with sin - It was her fault.

Eve confronted with sin – It was the serpent.

Then they even blamed God –

You gave this woman to me... You put us in the Garden...

“Sin demands to have a man by himself. The more isolated a person is, the more destructive will be the power of sin over him.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

James 5:16a NLT

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

Psalms 51:1, 3-4, 7-8 NLT

Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins...

For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight...

Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice.

What is our understanding of God's nature and character?

1 John 1:9 NLT

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Psalms 51:10-12 NLT

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.

The result of confession is the restoration of relationship.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18a NLT

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ.

Restoration is about repentance for the long haul.

Luke 3:7-8a NLT

When the crowds came to John for baptism, he said, "You brood of snakes! Who warned you to flee the coming wrath? Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God."

Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Question

- 1) Are there areas of my life that I have been unwilling to bring into the light, to confess and in doing so break the bond of guilt and shame it holds in my life?