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Confess

How will you make that a regularly part of your prayer life with me? How will I make what a significant part of my prayer life with you? **When will you confess your sins to me? Why is it important for you confess your sins to me? What will happen to your prayers if you fail to confess your sins to me?** I will confess my sins to you as I begin my prayers to you. I will not hide my sin. I will not deny my sin. I will regularly ask you to forgive my sins and cleanse my unrighteousness. **Do you mean that you will generally confess that you are a sinner and that you will ask for my general forgiveness?** No, that is not what I mean, not at all. You and I will review my day. I know that you will help me to see my sin when I come to you. I will make it my daily practice to confess my specific sins to you. Then as I confess them to you, I know that you have forgiven my sin and cleansed my unrighteousness. **Yes, I will.** As I confess my sins to you, I know that nothing will stand between us. I will be able to live in an intimate relationship with you. Nothing will prevent you from being able to hear and answer my prayers. **Yes, that is true.**

Why is it important that you confess your specific sins to me? It is important for me to identify and turn from my sin. It is important for me to ask you to help overcome specific sins in my life. It is important for me to know that you have forgiven my specific sins. It would be of little help and encouragement for me to have a vague and general idea that I have been forgiven of my sins. Then I would only be vaguely encouraged or vaguely grateful or vaguely joyful. What power would there be in vaguely knowing that I have been forgiven. What clarity would there be in my testimony if I could only tell others about what you had vaguely done for me? How joyous would my praise be if I only had a vague idea of what you had done for me? No, just as in all my prayers, you want to hear specifics. It is only in specific prayers, that I can know without a doubt, that you have heard and answered me. **That's true. That's it exactly.**

Lord, thank you for your kindness, mercy, and love. Thank you for forgiving my sins as I confess them to you. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayers. It is my joy to tell others about all you have done for me. Your praise will continually be on my lips. Amen

The Prayer Filled Life*Cherished Sin*

Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened; but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

NIV

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Had Not Confessed Sin*

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me. For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw his unfailing love from me.

NLT

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Cherished Iniquity*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would never have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

NRSV

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Regard Iniquity*

Come and hear, all you who reverently and worshipfully fear God, and I will declare what He has done for me! I cried aloud to Him; He was extolled and high praise was under my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me; But certainly God has heard me; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, Who has not rejected my prayer nor removed His mercy and loving-kindness from being [as it always is] with me.

AMP

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Regard Wickedness*

Come and hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul. I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear; But certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer Nor His lovingkindness from me.

NASB

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Cherished Iniquity*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul. I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

ESV

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Regard Iniquity*

Come and hear, all you who fear God, And I will declare what He has done for my soul. I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue. If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear. But certainly God has heard me; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!

NKJV

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Cozy With Evil*

All believers, come here and listen, let me tell you what God did for me. I called out to him with my mouth, my tongue shaped the sounds of music. If I had been cozy with evil, the Lord would never have listened. But he most surely did listen, he came on the double when he heard my prayer. Blessed be God: he didn't turn a deaf ear, he stayed with me, loyal in his love.

MSG

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Not Confessed My Sins*

Come and hear, all of you who reverence the Lord, and I will tell you what he did for me: For I cried to him for help with praises ready on my tongue. He would not have listened if I had not confessed my sins. But he listened! He heard my prayer! He paid attention to it! Blessed be God, who didn't turn away when I was praying and didn't refuse me his kindness and love.

TLB

Psalm 66:16-20

The Prayer Filled Life*Known Of Sin*

All of you who fear God, come and listen, and I will tell you what he has done for me. I cried out to him with my mouth and praised him with my tongue. If I had known of any sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened to me. But God has listened; he has heard my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or hold back his love from me.

NCV

Psalm 66:16-20

Had Not Confessed Sin

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Prayer Filled Life – Psalm 66:16-20

In Context: Read Psalm 66

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: (What is God speaking to your heart?)

Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me. For I cried out to him for help, praising him as I spoke. If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw his unfailing love from me. Psalm 66:16-20 (NLT2)

Considering The Words: (What words speak to your heart?)

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Praying The Scripture: (What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, thank you for your kindness, mercy, and love. Thank you for forgiving my sins as I confess them to you. Thank you for hearing and answering my prayers. It is my joy to tell others about all you have done for me. Your praise will continually be on my lips. Amen

What It Means: (What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What testimony can you give about all that God has done for you?

How are you being active in telling others about God's activity in your life?

How are you regularly crying out to God for His help?

How are you praising God for who He is and what He has done as you come to Him in prayer?

How has confessing your sins to God becoming a starting point in your prayers to Him?

How well will God hear and answer your prayers if you fail to confess your sins to Him?

Why can you be sure that will not ignore your prayers or withdraw His unfailing love from you?

Living It Out: (What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Make confessing your sins to God a significant part of your life of prayer with Him.

Seeing It Happen: (What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that God will hear and answer your prayers as you confess your sins to Him.

Get Ready To Share: (What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how confessing your sins is part of your life of prayer with God.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you confess your sins so that the Lord will hear and answer your prayers.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will confess my sins to you as I make my prayers known to you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, help me to confess my sins to you as I make my prayers known to you.
