

# appnotes

## DAY **READ PSALM 32:1-11**

1

Playing hide and seek with God stinks. You know what I mean. We sin and then put off dealing with it. David wrote about a time when he sinned and didn't want to own up to it. When he kept silent, he lacked peace, felt awful about what he had done, and eventually just felt weary from ignoring God's conviction. Keeping God at arm's length will always wear you out because He never stops coming after you. So, instead of covering it up, David came forward and admitted his faults to God. When he finally confessed, God forgave. The moment you sin is the moment you need to turn to God. And, the amazing thing? God forgives!

## DAY **1 JOHN 1:1-10**

2

Have you ever asked God for forgiveness only to be haunted with guilt about it later? Today's reading is for you. 1 John 1:9 explains that, if you confess your sins, God will forgive your sins, and cleanse you from all unrighteousness. Try this simple process the next time you sin: Start by naming your sin before God as clearly as possible. Then, take responsibility for it. Don't blame anyone else. It could be as simple as, "God, I blew up in anger because I wanted my way. Please forgive me." Do you know what God does when you do that? He cleanses you. God washes you clean. You are forgiven, your record is spotless, and your guilt is gone. Because of Jesus your sins are as far from you as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12).

## DAY **READ MATTHEW 18:15-19**

3

It takes a village to raise a child and a church to raise a Christian. Jesus assumes that you and I are going to mess up every once in awhile. The thing about making mistakes is that we don't always know when we do them. Jesus' vision of the church involves key conversations. That's what Matthew 18:15-19 is about. Jesus directs us to have private conversations with friends who are flirting with ongoing failure. The conversation is all about transformation. It's full of hope, love, truth, and grace. Love says something when it sees a friend sinning. You never know how God might use a crucial conversation to redirect a life!

## DAY READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10

4

March Madness is upon us. Great players are competing with all they've got to earn the title and take home the National Championship trophy. It's a lot of fun. Maybe you've taken home a trophy or two in your day. In today's passage we learn that God likes to win, too. But God's trophies are different. Every person who has placed their trust in Jesus Christ alone for their salvation is a trophy. They are living proof of God's great love and personal sacrifice. You are God's living trophy of grace. You are the accomplishment He is proud to show off to the world.

## DAY READ JOHN 19:1-30

5

On the day God died He uttered these words, "It is finished." In Jesus' final moments on the Cross He proclaimed that what He came to do, He completed. It was the culmination of a plan laid before the world was made, the climax of thirty-three years of Jesus' life on earth, and the grueling conclusion of hours of human torture and spiritual torment. "It is finished" means "Paid in full." Jesus Christ, God's Son, died on the Cross for the sins of all and rose again. His death paid the full penalty we owe for our sins. That's why this is the one day that changes our every day.

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