

Songs of Summer

Part 3 Our COMPASSIONATE God Psalm 32

1) David's encounter with God's MERCY vs. 1-7

- David REFLECTS upon God's kindness vs. 1-2
- David intentionally failed to OWN UP to his sin vs. 3-4
- David decides to come CLEAN with God vs. 5
- David's advice to WRONGDOERS vs. 6-7

2) How to live CONNECTED to God's Compassion vs. 8-11

- Allow Him to be your MENTOR vs. 8
- Keep a HUMBLE and SOFT HEART toward Him vs. 9
- He set the CONSEQUENCES ahead of time vs. 10
- He set the expected RESULTS ahead of time vs. 11

Thoughts for Dads:

- Do we live 'CLEAN' before God?
- Do we show this kind of COMPASSION to our families?

Life Group Questions – June 16, 2019

Psalm 32:3-4 *When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer.*

QUICK REVIEW

1. Read Psalm 40. When God rescues or delivers us, what can we conclude about Him? About our prayers? Discuss why He would choose NOT to answer our prayers as we would like.
2. What happens to us spiritually when God intentionally changes our paths? What should others see in us as a result of deliverance? How does answered and unanswered prayer impact our relationship with God?

MY STORY

1. For most of us, keeping intentionally silent about a sin is our "go to" response. How long does it usually take for you to become penitent? What can you do to acknowledge your sin soon after it's been committed?
2. What are the consequences of being indifferent about your sin? Does this mean you are avoiding the prompts to confession and repentance by the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
3. Using discretion, describe a time when you confessed a sin. What were the short-term and long-term results? Why does unconfessed sin gnaw at the soul ("*groaning all day long*")?

GOING DEEP

1. With regards to confession, penitence and repentance, discuss the differences between sins of commission and sins of omission.
2. Another "go to" response to our conviction of our sin is our tendency to do righteous acts. These may be efforts to redeem ourselves into right relationship with God. Can we actually do "nothing" in terms of works and be restored to the Lord? Is it true we are always forgivable and that we cannot out-sin His grace? Explain. (See Psalm 32:1-2; 1 John 1:9)
3. What does "selah" mean? In Psalm 32, three times in just 11 verses, David pens this word. What is the significance?
4. Re-read Psalm 32. What are some of the compelling reasons to "be glad in the LORD and rejoice" and "to shout for joy"?

PUTTING IT TOGETHER:

1. What do you think are some of the challenges to living out each point?
2. Which of the above teaching points are most important for you to remember?