

## CONFESSION

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*Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed...*

**James 5:13-16 NLT**

### Confession of \_\_\_\_\_

*...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10 NKJV*

### Confession of \_\_\_\_\_

*"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." 1 John 1:9 NLT*

*"If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:23 NLT*

*"A man who confesses his sins in the presence of a brother knows that he is no longer alone with himself; he experiences the present of God in the reality of the other person. As long as I am by myself in the confession of my sins everything remains in the dark, but in the presence of a brother the sin has to be brought into the light." - Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

## What keeps us from confessing:

\_\_\_\_\_ experiences

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## Why do we confess?

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*Are any in your community suffering? They should pray. Are any celebrating? They should sing praises to God. Are any sick? They should call the elders of your church and ask them to pray. They will gather around and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayers offered in faith will restore them from sickness and bring them to health. The Lord will lift them up from the floor of despair; and if the sickness is due to sin, then God will forgive their sins. So own up to your sins to one another and pray for one another. In the end, you may be healed... James 5:13-16 VOICE*

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*Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2 NLT*

## How to confess:

1. Allow for \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ your person/people

3. \_\_\_\_\_ it and find \_\_\_\_\_