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The Bridge: Prayer as Confession

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Following Jesus' model of prayer can help move us to an \_\_\_\_\_ life in Him.

**Matthew 6:12, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."**

1. Confession is a cry for \_\_\_\_\_ from the weight of sin.
  - ✓ Response to God's Word
  - ✓ Acknowledging the debilitating effects of sin
2. Confession makes Jesus the \_\_\_\_\_ of your sin and shame.
  - ✓ Jesus paid the price
  - ✓ No need to negotiate
3. Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ✓ There is righteousness
  - ✓ There is safety
4. Forgiveness offered by the believer shows a life in \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
  - ✓ Sharing of spiritual restoration
  - ✓ To forgive as one has been forgiven is a sign of humility not weakness
  - ✓ Forgiveness is pain, loss, yielding to Christ, freedom, joy

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### Sermon Talks

1. What has been your experience with confession?
  - When you have sinned in the past, how have you typically dealt with that regret?
  - What happens to your relationship with God when you've done something that causes you to feel guilt and shame?
  - Is it hardest to confess your sin to yourself, to God, or to others? Why?
2. Read 2 Samuel 11 and 12. This is the story of David's adulterous affair with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband Uriah. Chapter 12 outlines the conversation between David and Nathan, his trusted advisor.
  - Why do you think David did what he did?
  - How did God use Nathan to confront David?
  - How did David respond to Nathan's story about the two men?
3. Has there been a time where you have been confronted by someone about a sin in your life? How did you respond?
4. Read Psalm 32:1-5 and Psalm 52:1-4.
  - What do these verses say about the desire of David's heart?
  - How do these verses speak to you?
5. What does forgiveness mean to you?
  - What is your experience of forgiveness?
  - What are the benefits or detriments of forgiving?
  - How does someone forgive the unforgivable?
6. What is God saying to you about forgiveness?
  - Is there someone He wants you to forgive? If so, what is stopping you?

**Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Matthew 6:12) and this week's message.**

**Adoration:** What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession:** What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving:** What can I thank God for in light of what He has done?

**Supplication:** What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?