



## **The Importance of Honesty**

David was radically honest when it came to his relationship with God.

Psalms 32: 1-7, 10-11 (NIV): Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup>Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. <sup>3</sup>When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was drained as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. <sup>6</sup>Therefore let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found; surely the rising of the mighty waters will not reach them. <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. <sup>10</sup>Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in him. <sup>11</sup>Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

No relationship can grow and be strong if honesty is not its foundation.

The Psalms are proof that God can take anything you have to say to Him. He just wants you to say it.

Psalms 51: 3-4, 10-11 (NIV): For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Psalms 13: 1-3, 5-6 (NIV): How long, LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? <sup>2</sup>How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart? How long will my enemy triumph over me? <sup>3</sup>Look on me and answer, LORD my God. <sup>5</sup>But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. <sup>6</sup>I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me.

"Read the Bible and pray every day" only works if you're willing to be vulnerable before God.

Are we as honest with God, and ourselves, as David was? If not, what's holding you back?

*All scriptures referenced are from the New International Version (NIV) translation of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.*