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Series: Way To Go

Part 6: Dealing With Disapproval

Were you a rebellious teenager? Share with the group a story from your teenage years where you acted out rebellion. (Keep it relatively light).

What most resonated with you about last Sunday's message?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

[Invite one of your group members to summarize the message, allowing others to chime in].

There are two scenarios when it comes to dealing with disapproval from God. One scenario is when you recognize immediately you've done something God disapproves of and you humbly go to him and ask for forgiveness, which God is always faithful to grant when asked sincerely.

What is the other scenario?

[A: When you are in denial about your sin, or have repressed it in an effort to not have to face it.]

Fill in the blanks: **You will never [erase] it until you [face] it.**

Why do we sometimes have difficulty facing our sins?

Fill in the blanks: **Until you [own] it, it will [own] you.**

What was the story Jim told illustrating how not facing your sin can keep you hostage? [A: The story of Billy killing his grandmothers duck...]

Do you have an example from your own life that might illustrate the truth of this?

READ: Psalm 51: 1-15

“Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice. Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. Do not

banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you. Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you." Psalm 51:1–15 (NLT)

Who wrote this psalm? Under what circumstances did he write it? [see heading before verse 1].

Detail the list of sins David committed which David is repenting of in this psalm.

Read Psalm 32

"A psalm of David. Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the Lord has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Interlude Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Interlude Therefore, let all the godly pray to you while there is still time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment. For you are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with songs of victory. Interlude The Lord says, "I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you. Do not be like a senseless horse or mule that needs a bit and bridle to keep it under control." Many sorrows come to the wicked, but unfailing love surrounds those who trust the Lord. So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!" Psalm 32 (NLT)

Which verses in this Psalm most stand out to you? Why?

Why is it important to not face your sin alone (but rather face them with Jesus)?

Is it true you are powerless to erase your sin apart from Jesus?

What does Jesus do with your sin?