



Psalm 32

The Right Way to Fail - June 21, 2026

Message Recap

In Psalm 32, David reflects on the season between his great failure and his eventual confession. During that time, he experienced the weight, guilt, and spiritual exhaustion that come from trying to carry sin on his own.

Like David, every follower of Jesus lives with a tension. We know we are forgiven through Christ, yet we still struggle with sin and failure. The question isn't whether we'll fail...the question is what we'll do when we do.

David shows us the right way to fail: don't hide your sin, bring it to God through honest confession, and allow Him to redeem even your failures for His purposes. Failure doesn't have to be final when it's surrendered to God.

Icebreaker / Personal Reflection

- **Icebreaker:**

Pastor Barry talked about banana bread in the message - what's your all-time favorite dessert?

- **Reflection:**

What part of the message resonated with you the most?

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it sometimes difficult to reconcile these two truths:
 - We are fully forgiven in Christ.
 - We still struggle with sin.
2. The message talked about how many Christians struggle more with shame after sin than with the sin itself. Why do you think shame is such a powerful force?
3. David says, "I acknowledged my sin." What makes honest confession so difficult? Why do you think ownership is such an important part of spiritual growth?
4. Can you think of someone whose testimony or past mistakes helped you avoid making a similar choice?
5. What might it look like for God to redeem a failure from your past and use it to help someone else?

For Additional Study

Read: Luke 15:11-24

1. What stands out to you about the father's response when the prodigal son comes home?
2. How does this story challenge the idea that we need to "clean ourselves up" before coming back to God?
3. Which part of the son's journey do you identify with most right now?

Read: Romans 8:1

1. What does it mean that there is "no condemnation" for those who are in Christ Jesus?
2. How can someone experience conviction without living under condemnation?
3. What practical difference should this truth make in our daily walk with God?