



Cultivating a Living Faith: Confession—Cleansed

February 25-26, 2023

1 John 1:5-9

Opener: Think of somebody who is worthy of imitating their walk with God. What spiritual fruit and faith practices do you see in their lives that are worth imitating?

Go Deeper: Read Daniel 9:3-19

1. What is the key theme of Daniel's prayer?
 2. Describe Daniel's attitude in this passage.
 3. Why does Daniel use the inclusive-plural "we" in his confession? What does this show about his attitude?
 4. Why is recognizing the consequences of our actions an important aspect of confession?
 5. Why is confession so difficult? Why is confession so important?
 6. Read 1 John 1:5-9. Why is God able and willing to forgive us our sin?
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Live It:

1. What do you learn from Daniel's prayer that you can apply to your own prayer life?
2. What are the connections between prayer and petition, fasting, and sackcloth and ashes? How might you pray in "sackcloth and ashes" today?
3. Remember a time when you had to forgive someone who sinned against you. Did you forgive them? If so, how did that make you feel? Short-term, long-term.
4. Why does it seem that we have to go back again and again to forgive someone who hurt us?
5. What is God saying to you?
6. What are you going to do about it this week?
7. Spend time in silent prayer in confession: for your own self, for our nation.



GOD TIME:

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: 1 John 1
- Monday: Daniel 9:1-19
- Tuesday: Psalm 51
- Wednesday: Isaiah 59
- Thursday: Romans 8
- Friday: 2 Samuel 22:1-37
- Saturday: Psalm 71

