

SALEM HEIGHTS

# THRIVING



IN THE WORD . IN PRAYER . IN FELLOWSHIP

David was a man after God's own heart. Though not a perfect man, David loved God and knew God to be with him, for God had taken him as a shepherd boy and made him into Israel's mighty king. However, one Spring, God's king decided to take some time off from his duties. Because of this, David ended up sinning horribly with Bathsheba. (2 Samuel 11) The king's sins during that time shook his family as well as God's nation. The consequences were extreme. David wrote Psalm 32 as he trusted God in his repentance.

Psalm 32 is a great passage for us to meditate upon while we are going through trials. Trials that challenge our trust in God. Trials that we may have brought on ourselves or trials that just happened, but we must deal with. As you believe God's word, Psalm 32 will help you trust, as a person after God's own heart.

*"If our faith is not in the present tense it will never be able to stand the test of the days in which we live."*

— Pastor Matt

## Psalm 32

### The Joy of Forgiveness

Of David. A *Maskil*.

<sup>1</sup>How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! <sup>2</sup>How joyful is a person whom the LORD does not charge with iniquity and in whose spirit is no deceit! <sup>3</sup>When I kept silent, my bones became brittle from 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 summer's heat. Selah <sup>5</sup>*Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah* <sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is faithful pray to you immediately. When great floodwaters come, they will not reach him. <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with joyful shouts of deliverance. Selah <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with my eye on you, I will give counsel.

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like a horse or mule, without understanding, that must be controlled with bit and bridle or else it will not come near you. <sup>10</sup> Many pains come to the wicked, but the one who trusts in the LORD will have faithful love surrounding him. <sup>11</sup> Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous ones; shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What does this passage teach us about God?
3. What does this passage teach us about Man?
4. How does this passage help you in trusting your Savior?