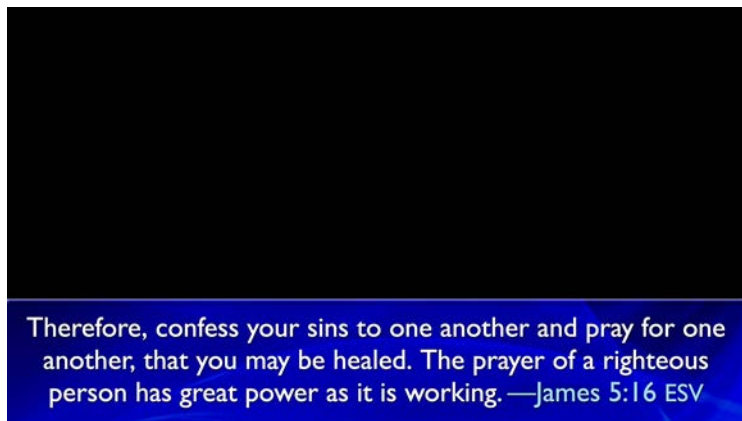
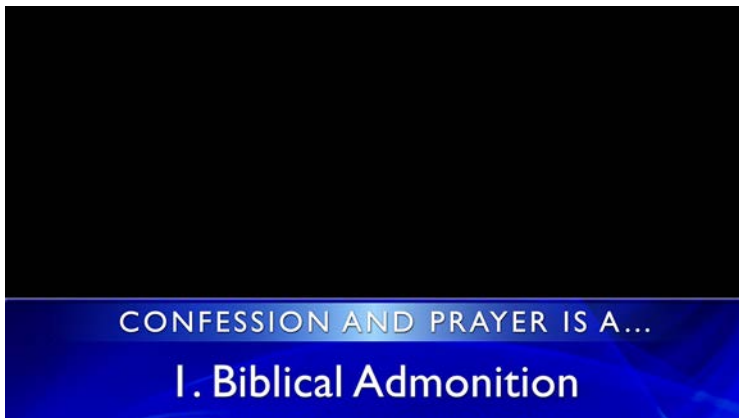




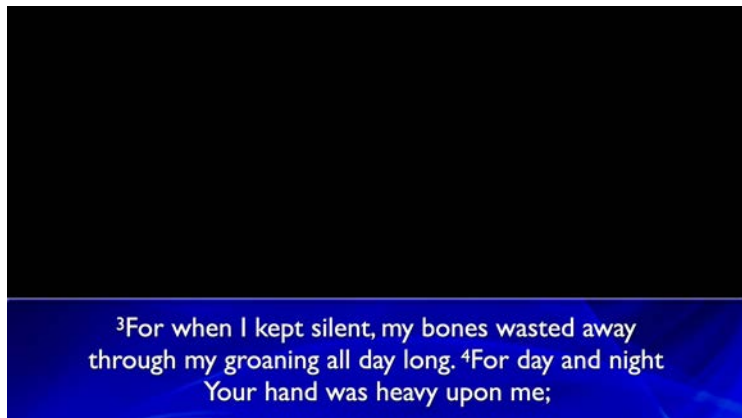
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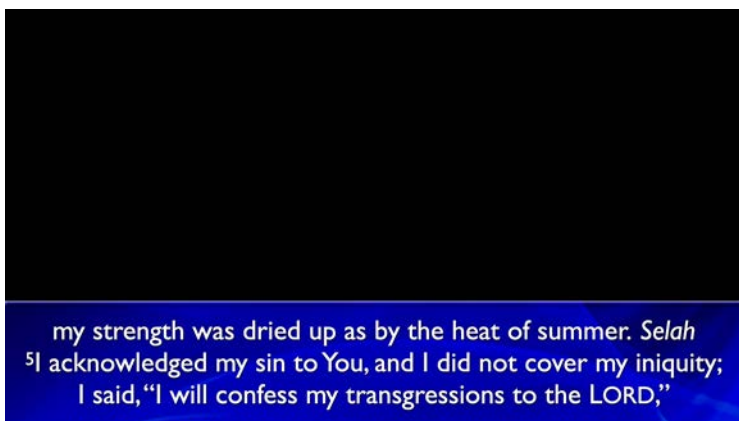
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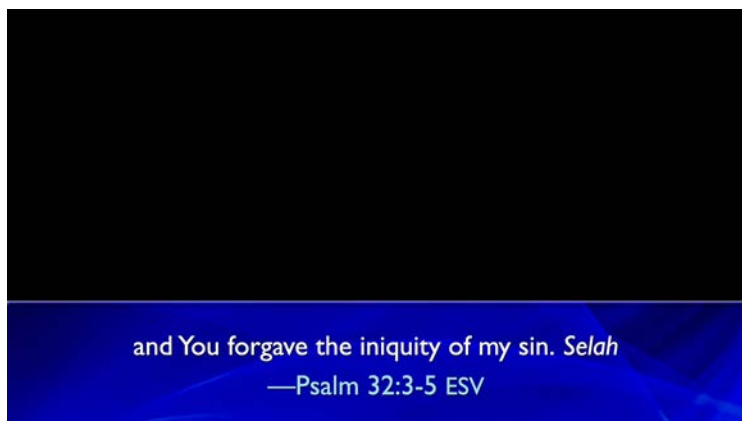
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... ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true). —Ephesians 5:8-9

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CONFESSION AND PRAYER IS A...

2. Relational Bridge

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¹Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

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²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. —Galatians 6:1-3 ESV

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An old man, going a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim—
That sullen stream had no fears for him;
But he turned, when he reached the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

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“Old man,” said a fellow pilgrim near,
“You are wasting strength in building here.
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm, deep and wide,
Why build the bridge at the eventide?”

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The builder lifted his old gray head.
 "Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
 "There followeth after me today
 A youth whose feet must pass this way.
 This chasm that has been naught to me
 To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
 He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
 Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."
 —"The Bridge Builder" by Will Allen Dromgoole

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CONFESSION AND PRAYER ARE...

3. Beneficial Practices

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Confession and Prayer for the Believer:

- Pursues Holiness

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⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. —1 Jn. 1:8-9

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Confession and Prayer for the Believer:

- Protects Against Hypocrisy

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²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go.

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First be reconciled to your brother, and then
come and offer your gift. —Matthew 5:23-24 ESV

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Confession and Prayer for the Believer:

• Promotes Humility

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⁶But He gives more grace. Therefore it says,
“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”
⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God.

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Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
⁸Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.
—James 4:6-8a ESV

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Confession and Prayer for the Believer:

• Preserves Harmony

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If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault,
between you and him alone. If he listens to you,
you have gained your brother. —Matthew 18:15 ESV

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Confession and Prayer for the Believer:

- Provides for Healing

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¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins

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to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. —James 5:15-16 ESV

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²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body

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eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. —I Corinthians 11:28-30 ESV

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He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. —I Peter 2:24 ESV

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For there is one God, and there is one Mediator
between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.
—1 Timothy 2:5 ESV

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⁹If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe
in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be
saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified,

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and with the mouth one confesses and is saved ¹³For
“everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.”
—Romans 10:9-10, 13 ESV

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“Prayer is the slender nerve that moves
the muscle of Omnipotence.”
—Charles Spurgeon

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