

## **Divine Romance - Spiritual Warfare**

### **Week 9 – Friday**

Psa. 32:1-2 – Footnote 1<sup>2</sup>

There is one more point that I want to make from David's story that is in three short portions. Psalm 32, verses 1 and 2 say, "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven; Whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom Jehovah does not impute iniquity And in whose spirit there is no deceit." David was someone who confessed his sin. The Bible is very fair; it does not just tell us the good side of everybody's story. The Bible exposes even some of their failures because as we are growing up, all of us will have failures; David had a very, very great failure, actually two times. The Bible tells us of them, but each time David failed, he confessed because he knew that God is someone who forgives. We don't have time to read Psalm 51 but actually the whole Psalm is a prayer of confession. Verses 1 to 4 read, "Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; According to the greatness of Your compassions blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And from my sin cleanse me. For I do know my transgressions, And my sin is before me continually. Against You and You alone have I sinned, And I have done what is evil in Your sight." Actually, David sinned not only against God; he sinned against a person in murdering him. So, how could he say, "Against You and You alone have I sinned"? This shows us that any sin, even we lie to our parents or we do something where we cheat someone, is a sin against God. Every sin is against God and He sees every sin. But not only does He see every sin; if we confess He forgives every sin. David learned that. I want to encourage you young people. I hope that you are in the habit of confessing your sins every day.

We have a diagram that I know that you all are familiar with it. All our young people know what is coming as soon as they see one circle. It has three circles representing spirit, soul and body. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 mentions our body, our soul with three parts (mind, emotion and will), and our spirit with three functions. You can call them parts but actually it means that our spirit functions in these three ways. It is not that if you look at your spirit there are three parts. It is the same spirit but it functions in these ways: fellowship, intuition and conscience. These three functions work together. Do you realize that your conscience is your spirit? Your conscience is your spirit functioning. What does it mean if I say, "Saints, exercise your spirit!?" That means actually that I am telling you to use your conscience, use fellowship, and use intuition. When we say it in the meeting mostly we are talking about fellowship. We say, "Exercise your spirit" that means sing from your inner being to enjoy the Lord.

What are ways to exercise your spirit? The most common one that we would say is calling the Lord's name, but calling on the Lord does not always work. Suppose that it is Friday night and you are on the way to the meeting and your mom says, "Did you make your bed?" or "Did you throw out the garbage?" I know that you wouldn't do this but what if you would say, "Mom! It's time to go to the meeting." Surely you should go to the meeting but that was a bad attitude. I am sure that you don't do this. I am saying, "Suppose you would do this." Suppose a young person would say, "Mom, come on. What? Do you want me to stay home and do my chores now?" Suppose you would have that kind of attitude, and then your mom says, "Fine, just go" and then on your way out, boom, you slam the door just for a little dramatic effect. Now you go to the meeting, and in the meeting the brothers say, "OK young people, let's exercise our spirits." In that meeting it doesn't matter how loud you call, your conscience would be bothering you: "You need to apologize to your mother." Do you know the way to exercise your spirit that night? To go home and say, "Mom, sorry." Sometimes it is

very difficult to say, “I’m sorry” but that is exercise of your spirit.