

# **THE JOY OF FELLOWSHIP**

## **Psalm 32**

**We can know the joy of God's fellowship  
if we will listen to what David learned.**

### **I. BE TALKING TO GOD** (1-5)

#### **A. CONFESSION (5)**

1. Sin Acknowledged
  - It was there all along but he had tried to ignore it
2. Iniquity Unhidden
  - No glossing over or concealing the extent of his sin
3. Transgression Confessed
  - He was willing to declare the details of his defilement

#### **B. CONSEQUENCE (5b, 1) > Blessed forgiveness**

1. Forgiveness (5b)
  - The defilement was lifted off and taken away
2. Restoration (1-2) > A clean slate
  - a. A covering for every aspect of the crime.
  - b. He is back to the point where he can be blessed
  - c. He is hiding nothing and therefore has a pure spirit with no deceit
3. Assurance (1-2)
  - He knew he was forgiven!
4. Cost (II Sam.12:14)
  - Though forgiven, the result of David's sin was the death of his child

#### **C. CONTRAST (3-4)**

1. Be Silent (3a)
  - A determined hush
2. Be Suffering (3b-4)
  - a. Chaffing > "Groaning" or "roaring"
  - b. Chastened (4a)
  - c. Choking (4b)

## II. **BE TURNING TO GOD** (6-7)

- It is hard to fellowship if you are not facing each other!

### A. He is FINDABLE (6a)

- “Let everyone who is godly pray to You” > Face God

### B. There are FLOODS (6b)

1. Floods of judgment will come > And no one knows when a flood will come
2. But the praying will be preserved so that the flood will not come near them

### C. He is A FORTRESS (7)

1. Hiding from danger
2. Preserving from trouble
3. Surrounding with songs

## III. **BE TEACHABLE BY GOD** (8-10a)

- David is likely the instructor here and if so he is fulfilling his commitment from Ps.51:13

### A. LISTEN (8a)

1. Decision: We have to sign up for the class
2. Dilemma: David knew from experience the road he encourages them to take
  - Unfortunately those who mess up often seem to have more credibility when they encourage others by saying “Don’t do what I did”

### B. WATCH (8b)

1. Others know the way
  - They will watch over and keep you accountable
2. Trust other’s leadership
  - They have your best interests in mind

### C. YIELD (9)

1. Do not be stubborn like a horse or mule
2. Don’t make God put the harness on you in order to bring you near to Him

### D. REMEMBER (10a)

1. The wicked will receive many sorrows
  - Even though they may boast in their sinful pleasures they will not last
2. Exp: II Chron.24:18-25

#### IV. **BE TRUSTING IN GOD** (10b-11)

##### A. SURROUNDING MERCY will be yours! (10b)

1. God's great "mercy" > "chesed" > a steadfast and loyal love
  - Grace that steps down and stays put
2. Surrounded by mercy > enveloped by God's holy hug!

##### B. ABOUNDING MERRIMENT will be yours! (11)

- Be glad in the Lord

#### **CONCLUSION:**

##### *At His throne, the Father waits for his penitent child?*

- Will there be the joy of fellowship?

or

- The sorrow of a funeral?

James 4:8 "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."

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