DRAWNEAR #3 Confessing Sin

The Bible speaks of two aspects of CONFESSING SIN:

1) To **ONE ANOTHER**

<u>James 5:16</u> Therefore <u>confess your sins to each other</u> and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

2) Directly **TO GOD**

<u>1 John 1:8-9</u> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we <u>confess our sins</u>, <u>he</u> is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1st Question = **WHAT** does it mean to **CONFESS** our sins?

<u>Psalm 51:1-4</u> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

2nd Question = **WHY** do we need to **CONFESS** our sins?

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your **heart**, for everything you do flows from it.

<u>Psalm 32:1-5</u> Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ²Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin.

BIBLE READING PLAN	
☐ Sunday: Romans 16	Thursday: Hebrews 4
☐ Monday: Hebrews 1	☐ Friday: Hebrews 5
☐ Tuesday: Hebrews 2	□ Saturday: Hebrews 6
☐ Wednesday: Hebrews 3	☐ Sunday: Hebrews 7