

# what's your story?

As we develop our Sunday morning experiences for the Life Apps teaching series, we are looking for meaningful personal stories that will encourage others to apply God's Truth to their life.

Has God challenged you, encouraged you, changed you or revealed wonderful things to you through your experience of grace, challenged by confession, running toward freedom, establishing priorities, embracing Sabbath rest or even in worship?

Maybe you are in the middle or beginning of such a story in your life. We'd like to hear from you ... are you waiting and needing patience? Are you stressed because you are living boldly for Christ? Has God been faithful to you in the past? Are you trusting His faithfulness in your future?

### Please share with us:

My name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My story is about \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly, it goes like this ... \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact me at (email or phone) \_\_\_\_\_

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*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed."*

*James 5:16 (NIV)*

### **How do you define CONFESSION?**

*Why is confession so scary for many of us?*

### **What is the main reason we hold back from confession?**

### **Learning from King David ...**

*(2 Samuel 11)*

*Hiding our sin only leads to \_\_\_\_\_ sin.*

*(2 Samuel 12 & Psalm 51)*

*Confessing our sin can lead to \_\_\_\_\_ over sin!*

### **How can I apply CONFESSION to my daily life?**



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# Looking for additional Life Apps ...

Monday, February 13, 2012 :: **The Truth App**

**Read:** John 8:31-47

**Think about this ...** Jesus had some strong words for the crowd in this passage. Freedom can only come when we live in truth. Living in truth starts with confession. God calls his people to live honestly with others but primarily with Him. There is hope when living in the truth and nothing but despair when choosing denial. The “Truth App” comes at the cost of coming clean to your Maker.

**Download:** “Confess it!” or “Confessions” ... these free apps allow you to confess and read other confessions (warning: content is unfiltered)

Tuesday, February 14, 2012 :: **The KnowHim App**

**Read:** Philippians 3:1-14

**Think about this ...** Paul had lots of reasons to be confident in his faith. He was zealous for the things of God. Once Jesus revealed Himself to Paul, his life was transformed into a passionate follower of grace and love. NOTHING can stand in the way of our relationship with Jesus! When you look at your walk with God, if there is something blocking you, confess it ... remove your pride ... and get to know Him better.

**Download:** “Live Loved by Max Lucado Lite” (Free) ... this trial app allows you to get some powerful devotionals (full version is pricey at \$9.99)

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 :: **The Friend App**

**Read:** Proverbs 17:17

**Think about this ...** Just a single verse for today, but one that has the power to shape our relationships. It’s easy to be a friend in the good times. It’s fun to share laughter and joy together. But the measure of a true friend comes in the disappointments of life, in the struggles and in the hardships. Is there someone you need to reach out to? Do you need such a friend in your life? Don’t stop until you find it!

**Download:** “Positive Jokes” (Free) ... this app supplies you with positive jokes you can use to start friendly conversations!

Thursday, February 16, 2012 :: **The Glass App**

**Read:** Psalm 139:1-18

**Think about this ...** Where can we hide from God? Where can we place our sin so that God cannot find it? It’s impossible. If you know that someone has “found you out,” isn’t it smarter just to come clean and save yourself the shame of them coming to you? We live in a spiritual glass house—God knows all—so let’s be honest with Him and live with transparent souls.

**Download:** “See Yourself Through God’s Eyes” (a Catholic published book/app designed to build a healthy esteem thru God’s perspective)

Friday, February 17, 2012 :: **The Power App**

**Read:** Ephesians 1:15-23

**Think about this ...** The same power that created this world and the universe ... the same power that gave life to every creature ... the same power that gave you life ... the same power that lifted Jesus out of the tomb and back to life ... that power is available to you today. It can give you the strength you need to live in honesty and for an audience of One. May His Power be with you today and everyday!

**Download:** Nothing ... but consider how you can utilize confession in your life today (either toward yourself or toward someone else).