

## **STANDING TALL AGAINST THE FEAR OF SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET**

Sin is never hidden. God knows every sin we commit, and it hurts Him too. God also knows that until each individual person repents of their sin and brings it out of their closet where they have had it hidden, and confesses it to especially Him, then that person will slowly die inside.

In the Bible we learn of a great man by the name of David. He is known for many great acts of courage and is also known for his faith in God. But, when a lot of people hear the name "David" they also think of the name "Bathsheba." David's sin began by lusting after her, and then bringing her into his home for an adulterous affair. David kept his sin in the closet, and he had a plan to hide what was in his closet instead of bringing out his sin.

How's your closet? What does it look like? I am not talking about your clothes closet. You may have a sin hidden away that nobody knows about. Nobody, but God that is. We find in the Bible a great truth. God blesses the person whose sins are forgiven. You might be tempted to say, "But I've been a wicked person." Think about David again. David had not only committed adultery, but he had also committed murder. David had to pay dearly for what he had done, just like you and I may have to pay dearly for our sin. We may have to serve jail time. We may lose our family, or our financial stability. Our sin may cost us our health, or the life of a loved one. David and Bathsheba's first son died because of their sin. That was hard! But God was still willing to forgive Him. You see, the worse punishment David could have received was to be forever banished from the presence of God. God doesn't want that to happen any more than you and I want it to happen, but He isn't going to force His mercy upon us either. David, with the help of Nathan the prophet brought his sin out the closet, confronted it, confessed it, and repented of it. Then Nathan said to David in 2 Samuel 12:13, "The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die."

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

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