

SERMON NOTES

Facing Our Skeletons in the Closet

Psalm 32



SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET

THE STORY BEHIND PSALM 32

THE CONTRAST -- PRE AND POST CONFESSION (v 1-4)

FINDING FREEDOM AND FORGIVENESS (v 5-7)

"Most people have trouble removing the proverbial skeleton from their closet. They find it far more stubborn than they expected. That's a good reason for trying a solution a bit more serious than saying a quick prayer at the end of the day. 'Lord, forgive me please. I messed up again. Sorry about that. OK? Just wanted to cover my tail in case I don't make it through the night. Thanks. Amen.'

"Skeletons don't 'enter' people's closets without some personal involvement on the owner's part. You need to confess what you've done, and treat what happened as a serious matter."

My Statement of Confession

I am frightened because of needing to confess the sin of ...

Jesus, I am making this appeal for mercy to you because ...

My reasons for wanting to be forgiven are ...

Thank you for scriptures that encourage me, like ...

What I believe your forgiveness can do for me is ...

Right now, I receive your forgiveness and express my thanks in these words ...

In the future, to be a better friend to you, I want to ...

Signed _____ Date: _____