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**Speaker:** Dr. Justin Hardcastle

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- **READ:** Psalm 103:12 & 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
- When we confess our sin against God and receive his forgiveness, we experience a restored relationship with him.

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