

## A Bridge to Restoration

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James 1:13-16 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. 16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

Leviticus 20:10 (ESV) If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Numbers 35:31, 33 (ESV) Moreover, you shall accept no ransom for the life of a murderer, who is guilty of death, but he shall be put to death. 33 This will ensure that the land where you live will not be polluted, for murder pollutes the land. And no sacrifice except the execution of the murderer can purify the land from murder.

Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'

When we sin, confession and repentance should be the first place we turn

Proverbs 28:13 (ESV) Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- True Repentance recognizes forgiveness comes according to God's character and not because of anything I can do
- True Repentance recognizes we sin against God Himself
- True Repentance requires faith in God that He will do what He has promised to do
- True Repentance desires restoration of relationship with God and recognizes we're powerless to change ourselves
- True Repentance comes with a desire to be useful for God's kingdom
- True Repentance only occurs when we bring genuine remorse to the Lord
- Call **321.574.6970** if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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