Psalm 32:1-2 (NLT) [1] Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! [2] Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! Psalm 32:3-4 (NLT) [3] When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. [4] Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Interlude Psalm 32:5 (NLT) [5] Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Interlude

FORGIVEN !

Psalm 32:1-11

Psalm 103:1-5 (NLT)

Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will PRAISE his holy name. [2] Let all that I am **PRAISE** the LORD; may I **NEVER FORGET** the good things he does for me. [3] He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. [4] He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. [5] He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's!

God does NOT permit His children to SIN SUCCESSFULLY.

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Hebrews 12:7-8 (NIV) Endure hardship as **discipline**; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not **disciplined** by his father? [8] If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the <u>discipline</u> and <u>instruction</u> of the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (HCS)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for <u>training</u> in righteousness, [17] so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Discipline Included BOTH...

- INSTRUCTION Training and Teaching to do what is Right
- CORRECTION punishment of wrong

Discipline can be CORRECTIVE Psalm 119:67 (NIV) Before I was AFFLICTED I went astray, but now I obey your word.

Discipline can be INSTRUCTIVE

Job 42:2, 5-6 (HCS) I know that You can do anything and no plan of Yours can be thwarted. ...[5] I had heard rumors about You, but **now my** eyes have seen you. [6] Therefore I take back my words and repent in dust and ashes.

DISCIPLINE can be PREVENTATIVE

2 Corinthians 12:6-7 (NLT) ... So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud.

Job 5:17-18 (NIV) "Blessed is the man whom God CORRECTS; so do not despise the DISCIPLINE of the Almighty. For he wounds, but he also binds up; he injures, but his hands also heal.

SELAH - Pause or Musical Interlude could...

- change the FOCUS
- create SUSPENSE
- point to **TRUTH**

Psalm 130:3-4 (NET) If you, O LORD, were to keep track of sins, O Lord, who could stand before you? [4] But you are willing to FORGIVE, SO THAT you might be HONORED.

The GOAL of Forgiveness - is that God would be HONORED

Matthew 26:26-28 (NIV)

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." [27] Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. [28] This is **MY BLOOD** of the covenant, which is **POURED OUT** for many for the FORGIVENESS of sins.

The GOAL of Forgiveness - is that God would be HONORED

The COST of Forgiveness - was the BLOOD of Jesus

2 Corinthians 5:15 (NIV) And HE DIED for all, that those who live should NO LONGER live for THEMSELVES but FOR HIM who died for them and was raised again. The GOAL of Forgiveness - is that God would be HONORED

The **COST** of **Forgiveness** - was the **BLOOD** of Jesus

Jesus paid a HIGH COST to Forgive us - so that - we would LIVE FOR Him NOT ourselves

God does not make Himself **READILY available** to those who seek Him **ONLY in times of extreme distress.**

1 John 2:1-2 (NLT)

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you WILL NOT SIN. But if anyone does sin, we have an ADVOCATE who PLEADS **OUR CASE** before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. [2] He himself is the **SACRIFICE** that **ATONES** for our sins -and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

1 John 1:8-9 (NLT) If we CLAIM we have NO SIN, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. [9] But if we **CONFESS our sins** to Him, He is faithful and just to **FORGIVE** us our sins and to **CLEANSE** us from all wickedness.

Psalm 51:12 (NLT) RESTORE to me the JOY of your SALVATION, and make me willing to obey you.

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Great God of wonders! All Thy ways Are matchless, Godlike and divine; But the fair glories of Thy grace More Godlike and unrivaled shine, Who is a pardoning God like Thee? Or who has grace so rich and free? Crimes of such horror to forgive, Such guilty sinners thus to spare; This is Thy grand prerogative, And none shall in the honor share, Who is a pardoning God like Thee? Or who has grace so rich and free? In wonder lost, with trembling joy, We take the pardon of our God: Pardon for crimes of deepest dye, A pardon bought with Jesus' blood, Who is a pardoning God like Thee? Or who has grace so rich and free?