



The Sin I **Can't** Overcome



1 Corinthians 10:13

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.



The sin I'm hiding.

Psalm 32:1-5

¹ Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.



The sin I'm hiding.

Psalm 32:1-5

³ For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.



The sin I'm hiding.



**The sin I'm unwilling
to be **honest** about.**

Psalm 139:7-12

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.



**The sin I'm unwilling
to be **honest** about.**

Psalm 139:7-12

¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.



**The sin I'm unwilling
to be **honest** about.**

James 1:22-24

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.



**The sin I'm unwilling
to be **honest** about.**



**The sin I'm unwilling
to confess.**

Psalm 51:1-4

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.



**The sin I'm unwilling
to confess.**

Psalm 51:1-4

⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.



**The sin I'm unwilling
to confess.**

James 5:16

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



**The sin I'm unwilling
to confess.**



**The sin I continue
to **flirt** with.**

Proverbs 6:27-28

²⁷ Can a man carry fire next to his chest
and his clothes not be burned?

²⁸ Or can one walk on hot coals
and his feet not be scorched?



**The sin I continue
to **flirt** with.**



**The sin I've grown
comfortable with.**

Ephesians 4:17-19

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity.



**The sin I've grown
comfortable with.**



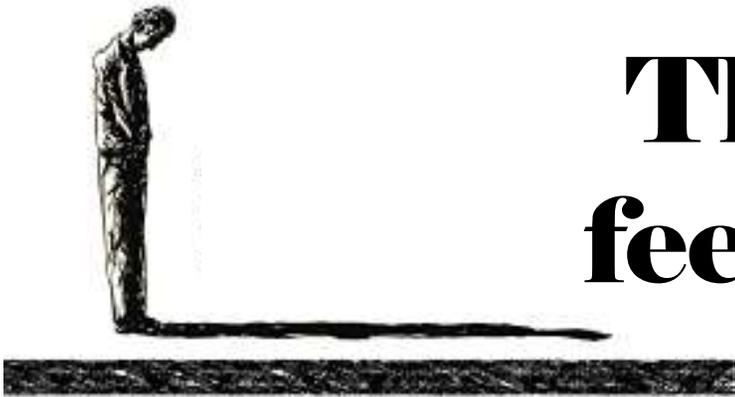
The sin I rationalize.

Isaiah 59:1-2

¹ Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; ² but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.



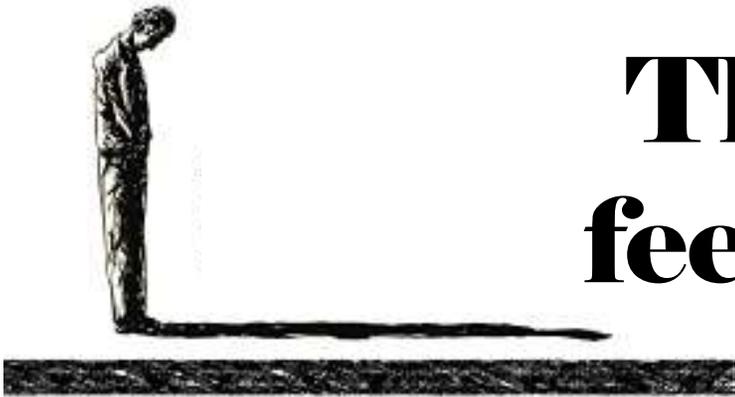
The sin I rationalize.



**The sin I don't
feel *sorry* about.**

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

⁸ For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. ⁹ As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.



**The sin I don't
feel **sorry** about.**

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

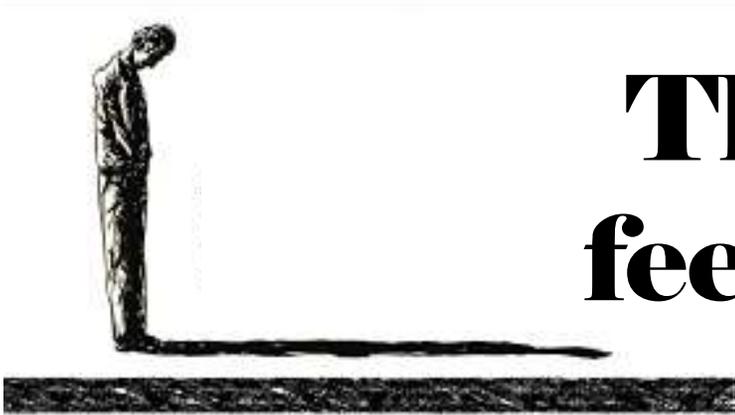
¹⁰ For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. ¹¹ For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.



**The sin I don't
feel **sorry** about.**

Matthew 3:8

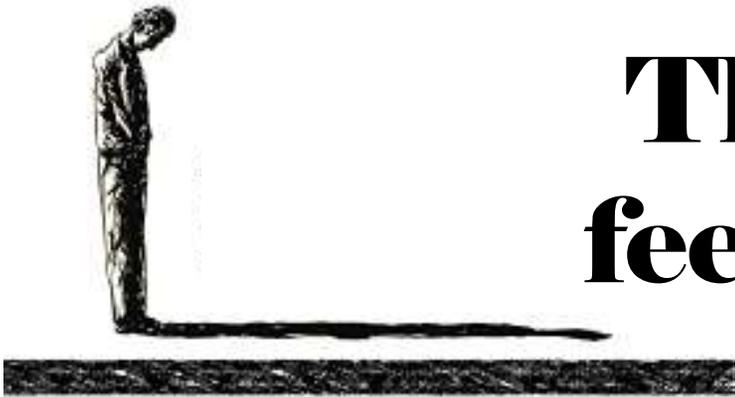
⁸ “Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.”



**The sin I don't
feel **sorry** about.**

James 4:8-10

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.



**The sin I don't
feel **sorry** about.**



**The sin I will not *crucify*
and leave behind.**

Galatians 5:19-21, 24

¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.



The sin I will not **crucify
and leave behind.**

Galatians 5:19-21, 24

²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.



**The sin I will not crucify
and leave behind.**

1 Corinthians 15:31

31 ...I die every day!



The sin I will not **crucify
and leave behind.**

Hebrews 12:1-2

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.



**The sin I will not crucify
and leave behind.**



**The sin I desire more
than I desire **God.****

Matthew 5:8

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”



**The sin I desire more
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2 Samuel 12:13

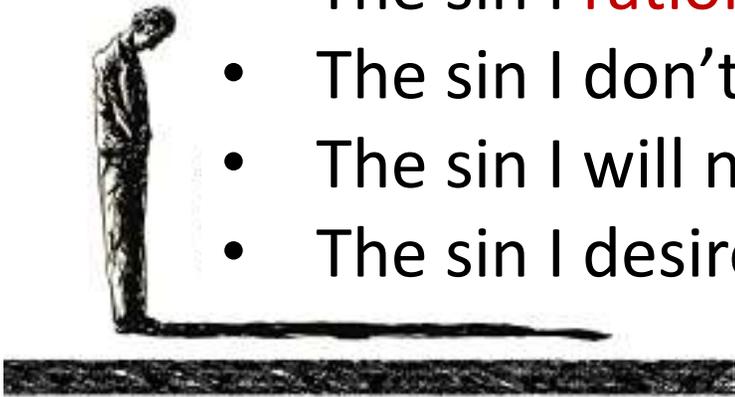
13 David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”



**The sin I desire more
than I desire God.**

The sin I **can't** overcome:

- The sin I'm **hiding**.
- The sin I'm unwilling to be **honest** about.
- The sin I'm unwilling to **confess**.
- The sin I continue to **flirt** with.
- The sin I've grown **comfortable** with.
- The sin I **rationalize**.
- The sin I don't feel **sorry** about.
- The sin I will not **crucify** and leave behind.
- The sin I desire more than I desire **God**.



The sin I **can** overcome:

- The sin I **stop** hiding.
- The sin I'm **honest** about.
- The sin I **confess**.
- The sin I **refuse** to flirt with.
- The sin I go to **war** against.
- The sin I will not **rationalize**.
- The sin I feel **godly sorrow** over.
- The sin I **crucify** and leave behind.
- The sin I **forsake** because I desire God more.

