

## MESSAGE NOTES



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**Series:** You Are Here  
**Message:** Wrong Turns, Toll Roads  
and Rest Stops  
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### **Along the way we all make wrong turns.**

### **What matters are the choices we make afterward.**

<sup>3</sup> When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. <sup>4</sup> Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. <sup>5</sup> 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.  
Psalm 32:3-5 (NLT)

### **If I choose to be humble, God will be close.**

<sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. <sup>9</sup> Let there be tears for what you have done. Let

there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy.

James 4:7-9 (NLT)

### **If I confess my sin, He will forgive me.**

<sup>8</sup> If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. <sup>9</sup> 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.

1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. <sup>11</sup> For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. <sup>12</sup> He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. <sup>13</sup> The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. <sup>14</sup> For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust.

Psalms 103:10-14 (NLT)

### **If I repent of my sin, I will be restored.**

For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (NLT)

### **A few examples...**

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