



## TO CONVICT ME

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## INTRODUCTION

Giving God room to convict us of our sins is like getting a key. Conviction unlocks freedom. Through the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis 4, Pastor Jesse reminds us sin is not only what we do but what we fail to do and includes not only our behaviors but our attitudes. God will give us freedom from the burden of sin if we ask Him to reveal it to us, ask others what sin they see in us, confess our sins and repent. When we confess and ask God and others for forgiveness, we find the desire within us to live differently.

## DISCUSSION

1. How do you define the word "sin"? How has that definition shaped your relationship with God?
2. **Read Matthew 11:28-29.** How do these words of Jesus relate to confession and repentance? What is the "light burden" Jesus talks about?
3. Give an example of one person you know who has turned from a particular sin and repented. How has his/her life changed? How has it affected the relationships in his/her life?
4. **Read James 1** together and discuss. What truths does James write about sin? Use some of your prayer time to silently confess to God whatever He reveals to you through this sermon and study.

## DO SOMETHING

1. If you have not already done so, find an accountability partner you can share the sins you struggle with. Create a safe place to confess sin in a trusting and loving relationship that will point to Christ as the Healer and Redeemer.
2. Pray for people God puts on your heart who you know are struggling with sin. Invite them to watch one of the PLC Easter services online and connect with them afterwards.
3. Read through the last days of Jesus' life on earth in one [or all] of the Gospels as you prepare for Easter: **Matthew 26-28, Mark 14-16, Luke 22-24, John 18-21**. Reflect and/or journal on the sacrifice Jesus made to free us from sin and death.

## RESOURCES

The following resources can all be accessed through [RightNow Media](#).

1. Though we cannot be together for Easter this year, we can still remember and celebrate what Jesus has done for us at home. In these sessions on from the [Gospel of Mark](#), Francis Chan teaches on Jesus's death and resurrection and challenges us to consider how to live our lives in light of His sacrifice and victory over death.
2. The short video [He Was](#) is a poignant reminder of the suffering Jesus willingly endured for each of us.
3. Wondering how to make the most of Easter with your family? Check out the [5-Minute Family Devotional](#) from JellyTelly! Eight days of short video devotionals will help your family celebrate the importance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection this Easter.