“BRADLEY—BUNZ”





Even when we know God sees everything, something inside of us still wants to hide.

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hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
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And lead us not into temptation,
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THE LORD'S PRAYER (MATTHEW 6)

What does it mean to genuinely repent of our sins?

What kind of Father is willing to forgive sinners like us?

However, the Lord considered what David had done to be evil.

2 SAMUEL 11:27 (CSB)

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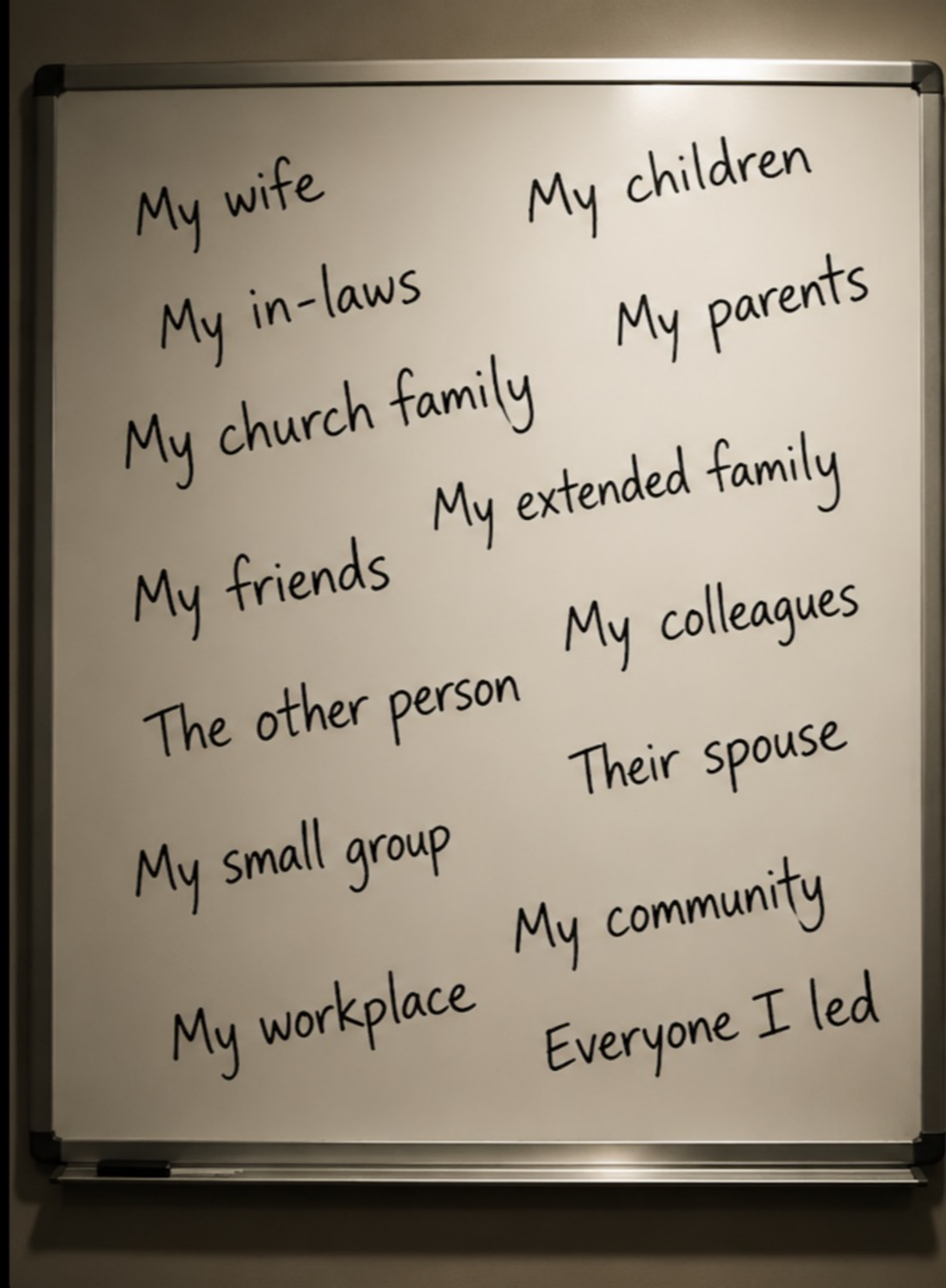
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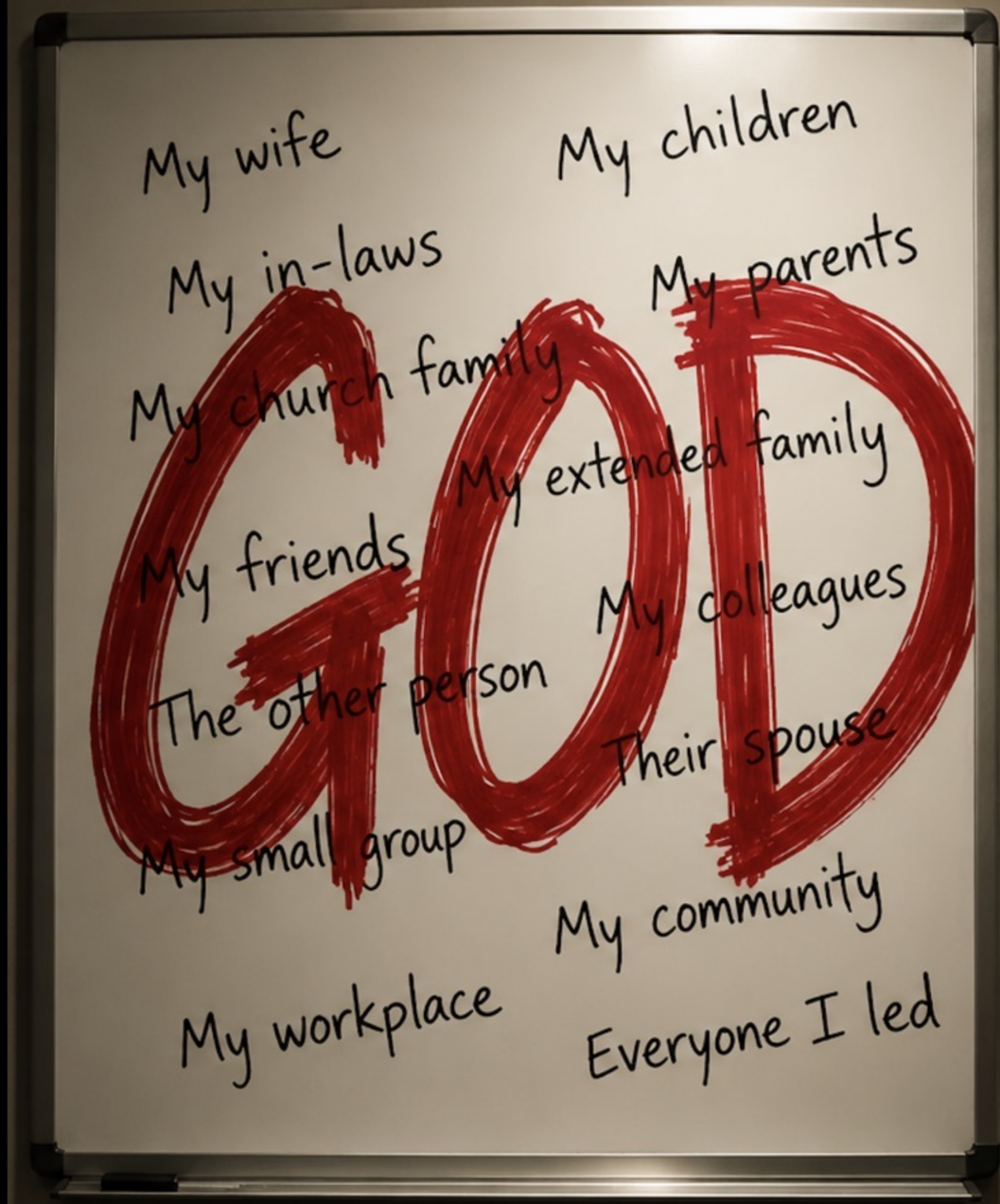
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SIN

Falling short of God's perfect and righteous standard.

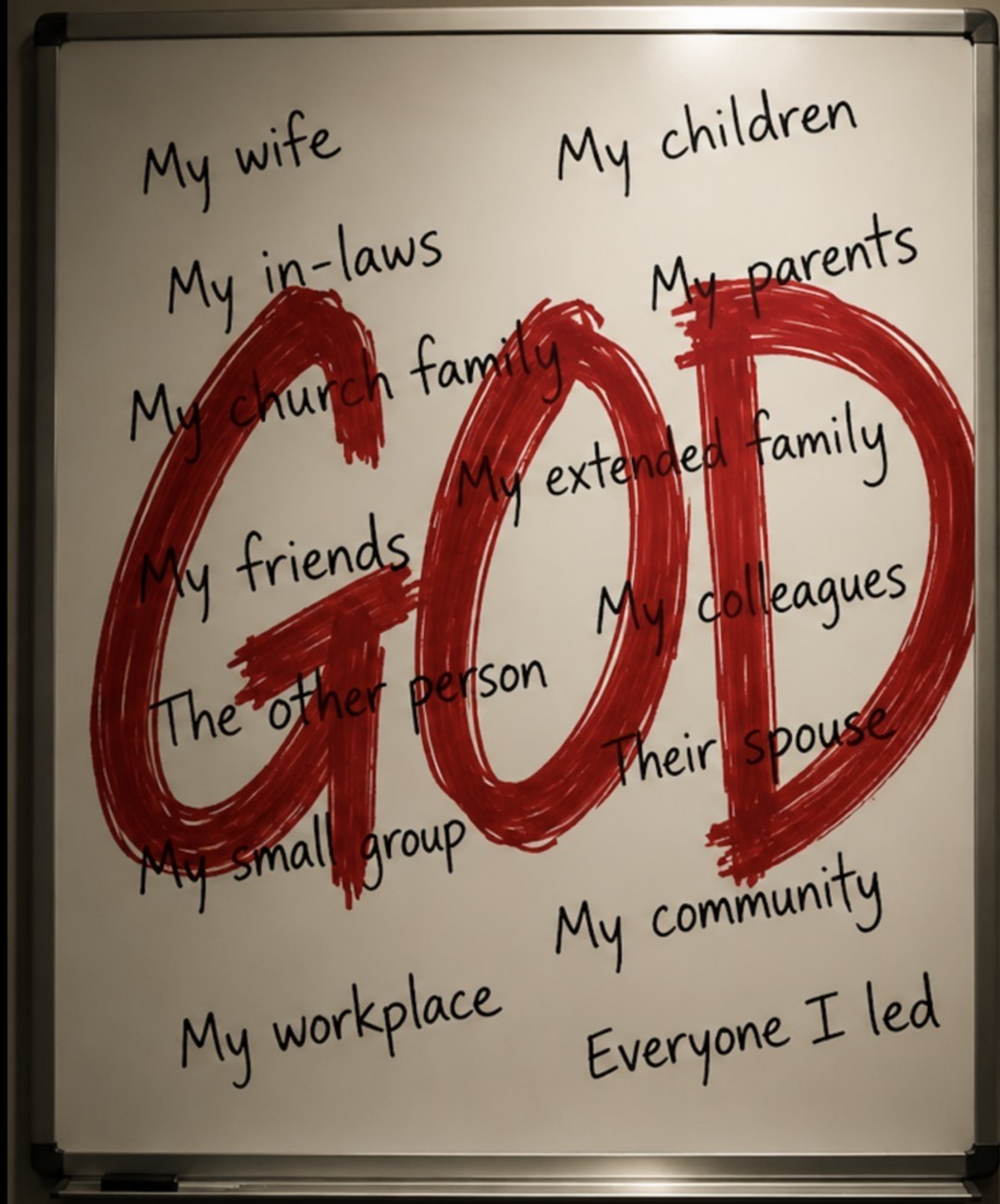
Confession requires us to stop defending ourselves and begin agreeing with God about what is true about us.


My wife
My children
My in-laws
My parents
My church family
My extended family
My friends
My colleagues
The other person
Their spouse
My small group
My community
My workplace
Everyone I led


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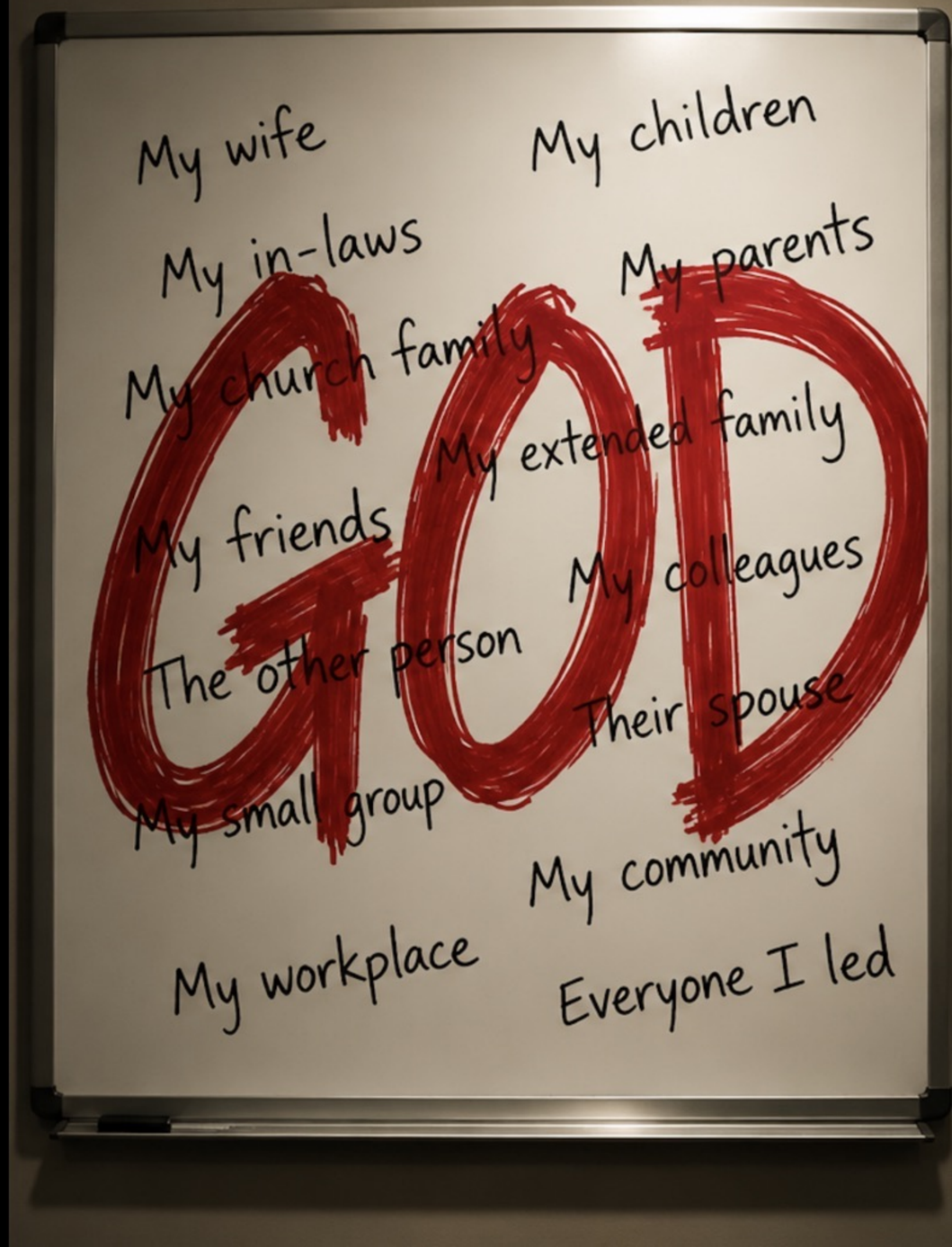
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Every sin is ultimately an offense against God Himself.

And until we recognize that our sin is ultimately against a HOLY GOD, we will never fully understand why we so desperately need His forgiveness.



"For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer."

PSALM 32:3-4

God loves us too much to let us keep hiding...

Sometimes His mercy comes through the painful experience of CONVICTION.

Sometimes the most loving thing God can do is confront the very thing that's destroying us.

"FORGIVE US OUR SINS..."

1. RECOGNIZE OUR SIN
2. REQUEST HIS MERCY

The God who exposes our sin is also
the God who invites us to come to Him for mercy.

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions."

PSALM 51:1

"Steadfast love" — HESED (*Hbrw.*)

God's faithful, covenant-keeping love...

"Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow…
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me."

PSALM 51:7,10



“Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;...”

Create in me a clean heart, O God,…"

PSALM 51:10

"Create" — BARA (*Hbrw.*)

*"In the beginning, God "**BARA**" the heavens and the earth…"*

GENESIS 1:1

"God, I need You to cleanse me from what I've done."
"And I need You to create something new in who I am."

David understands that his problem isn't just his BEHAVIOR.
His problem is his HEART.

Are we trying to CLEAN what only God can CLEANSE?

Are we trying to CLEAN
what only God can CLEANSE?

Are we trying to CREATE
what only God can CREATE?

We can change our ROUTINES, but only God can transform our HEARTS.

Instead of simply promising God that we'll do better,
we need to humble ourselves and ask Him to do what we cannot.

"Lord, cleanse me."
"Lord, create in me a clean heart."
"Change my desires."
"Renew my mind."

"Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you."

PSALM 51:11-12 (NLT)

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2. REQUEST HIS MERCY
3. REST IN HIS GRACE

Oftentimes, we want JUSTICE when someone else is guilty.
But when WE are the guilty ones, we desperately want MERCY.

"You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one.
You do not want a burnt offering.
The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit.
You will not reject a broken and repentant heart,
O God.."

PSALM 51:16-17

How can a perfectly HOLY and JUST God forgive guilty sinners like David? Or sinners like *US*?

"For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

"And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God."

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14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever
those who are being made holy.

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WHY WE CAN REST IN HIS GRACE...

Because our forgiveness doesn't depend on the perfection of our **repentance**.
It depends on the perfection of our **Savior**.

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Not because God didn't know where Adam was.
But because Adam needed to recognize where he was.

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WHAT IF God is asking some of us that same question right now??

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"Forgive me."
“Cleanse me."
"Create in me a clean heart.
“Restore my joy…”

TWO INVITATIONS

1. *Come KNEEL before your Father…*
2. *Be CONSECRATED for your Father…*

Be anointed with oil and receive prayer/blessings by prayer team members.