This is My Story (3) Confession: There’s Something Wrong…

**Romans 10:9** If you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord…you will be saved…

* **But Why? And What does that even mean?**

**My Story**

There’s Something Broken in the World

**Life Turned out so differently…It was nothing like I thought it would be…**

* Within a week’s time I’d lost my wife, my job, my life’s purpose, and found myself fighting to be able to be with my daughters…

I remember thinking…what’s wrong with people?

Don’t they know how bad things are?

Don’t they know how bad I’m hurting?

Don’t they know my world is broken?

* Overwhelmed doesn’t quite describe it…
* Dark Room, Door Shut, Hiding from the world that had somehow gone all wrong…

There’s Something Broken inside of Me

**I was in a fog of confusion, and deeply hurt…**

That turned to anger and fierce resentment…I blamed her…I accused her…

**For a time, I was angry with God…**

* I felt blind-sided…
* I felt more than a little betrayed…
	+ I was a pastor.
	+ I’d given my life to God.
	+ And this is how I’m treated?
* I questioned everything I thought I knew…

**For ten years I struggled…**

* Life went on…
* Successful in New line of work…
* Ministry opened up again…
* New and wonderful wife…
* Regularly in my daughters life...holding on to their hearts…

Still, I Felt like I couldn’t even breathe…this tightness in my chest…

**Then God helped me get to a place where everything changed…**

That place was *Confession*…

**Step-by-Step, for those ten years, God was leading me to look inside myself…**

* To see my brokenness…
* To see my faults…
* To see the blame I was responsible for…
* How I had hurt her…
* How I had failed her…
* He led me to apologize to her and to her parents…
	+ (But more for my benefit than for theirs…)

**And from that point on:**

* I began to feel like I could breathe again...
* I felt lighter…
* I felt free…
* And the world began to look different to me again…
* And I began to see more clearly this truth in every aspect of my life…

**1 John 1:8-10**

**8If we pretend we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. 9But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 10**If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.

I Learned that in My Brokenness, and in the World’s Brokenness,

I Desperately Need Help…I Learned Confession

**Romans 7: 15, 18-19, 21-25**

I don’t really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don’t do it. Instead, I do what I hate…I want to do what is right, but I can’t. **19**I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway…I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. **22**I love God’s law with all my heart. **23**But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.**24**Oh, what a miserable person I am! **Who will save me from this life…dominated by sin (brokenness)?**

**Thank God! The answer is in Jesus…**

Next week we’ll explore how the help we’re looking for is in Jesus