Family Talk– Confession

READ TOGETHER

James 5:13–18

- 1. Have you ever witnessed God move in a powerful way after praying? Share the experience with your family.
- 2. Why do you think it may be scary to confess struggles?What are some of the benefits of doing so?
- 3. Who are people you can share your struggles and stumbles with?
 - If you don't have a close knit community where you feel comfortable confessing, what would it look like for you to develop those types of relationships?

LIVE IT

The life of a Christ follower is not to be a *lone wolf* journey. We're called to prayerfully follow Jesus in community, sharing the ups and downs of life with other believers. Community doesn't develop by accident. It requires consistent intentionality. Consider scheduling a time together as a family to pray for each other one to two times a week.

As a family, consider memorizing one or all of the following verses about confession: 1 John 1:9, Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 32:5. Also consider posting verses around your house on sticky notes, index cards, etc.

LEAN ON GOD

Dear God,

Thank You for the forgiveness that we find in Your Son Jesus. Give us courage to confess our sins to You, but also to a loving community of believers who can encourage us as we pursue relationship with You. We love You and are thankful for Your mercy and grace.

In Jesus name,

Amen.

