

## **SCCC –SINS’ SIDE EFFECT**

### **S - Scriptures**

“When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.” Psalm 32: 3

### **C – Consideration**

Psalm thirty-two is one of David’s great spiritual dilemmas he ever faced in his life. He was a warrior since his youth, and for years, a victim of a mad king who wanted to murder him. However, God made him the most powerful leader of Israel’s history. But, the Scriptures recorded the terrible sins he had done in God’s sight, coveting someone else’s wife, committing adultery, manipulation, lying, and finally killing an innocent man, who was defending David and his kingdom on the battlefield. To make things worse he experienced sin’s side effect, spiritual blindness. David experienced its aftereffects, being unable to see the gravity of his iniquities until the Lord sent Nathan, the prophet to confront him, almost a year later. Facing the reality of his evil, he eventually came to his senses and had to make a decision as every sinner has to choose: to be rebellious or to repent. He made the right one, “For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.” And you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

### **C – Commitment**

This story is always a great lesson for any Christian. Is there forgiveness when we sin? How many sins can God forgive? Is there forgiveness when we break five, six, seven or ten commandments? The answer is yes, there will be always forgiveness when we truly respond in humility and repentance. It is good to remember that David was a godly man, who loved the Lord, who served his people, but one day the devil tempted him, probably he had tried many times until he finally caught David’s weakest point. It is good to remember that forgiveness is not a door for licentiousness. But, in the midst of his dark moments of guilt, shame, disgrace, regret, and grief, God forgave him, and he joyfully spoke, “Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit.”

### **C – Call**

My Heavenly Father, You are a gracious and compassionate God. It is because of Your mercy that we were not destroyed. How blessed are we, that You didn’t just cover our sins but removed it from Your eyes. When Jesus died on the cross He paid for David’s sins, and the sins of all Your children in the world. My God, deliver me from the evil one, do not let me fall into temptation, let me please You with what pleases You, living a holy life as You are Holy. In Jesus’ name, I pray. Amen.