

"I'm Sorry" Can Make All the Difference In Your Marriage

from *Homeward*

You know things are "off" between you. A cutting remark still stings. A promise unfulfilled for another day. Loyalties are divided, and you're at the bottom of your spouse's list. Little irritations feel like major offenses as they add to the burden of hurts you carry. You avoid eye contact and seek distraction through work and busyness. Nights are lonely as you sleep with your backs turned, refusing to touch, waiting for someone to say, "I'm sorry."

You tally a list of your spouse's failures & betrayals in your mind.

The same accusations and defenses replay in the fights that flare up. In your heart, you are longing for a heartfelt *I'm sorry* to thaw the ice between you.

You feel let down. Disregarded. Unloved.

Today, it might feel like a thick wall is dividing you and your spouse. No one is willing to tear down the first brick. **But you hold a sledgehammer in your hand.** Say "*I'm sorry*" to break through to one another again.

"I'M SORRY" INVITES TRUTH INTO YOUR MARRIAGE.

It chooses to get brutally real, declaring, "This was the destructive choice I made. This was my selfish motive. My words, attitudes, and decisions made an impact on you and our relationship. **These are the ways I failed to love you well.** This is how I caused pain and why I know it was wrong." Confession lays you bare as you name your failure and take responsibility for the outcome. No minimizing, no excuses, and no lies.

"I'M SORRY" OPENS THE DOOR TO RECONCILIATION.

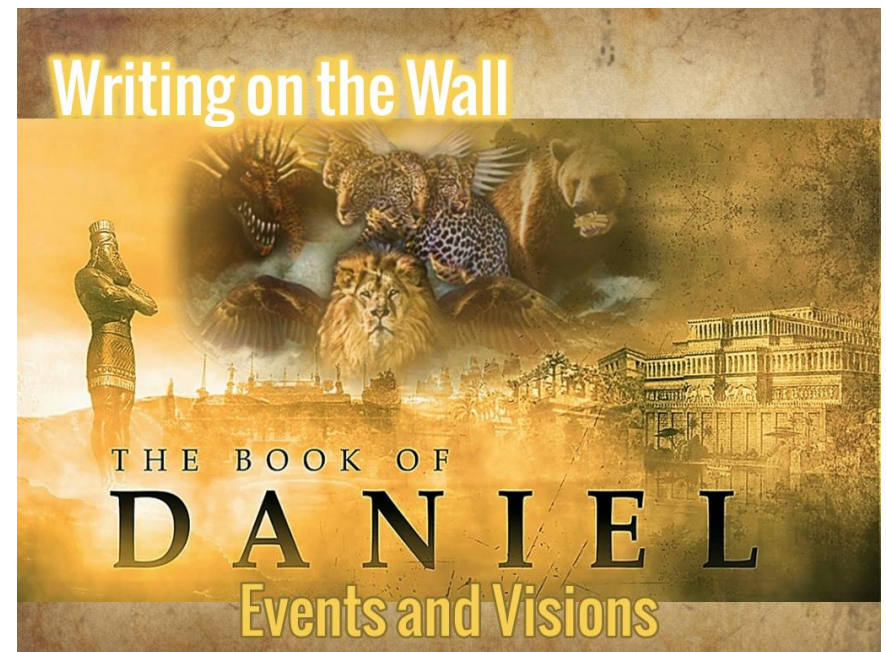
It takes a bold step closer to the one you love. Confession rebuilds broken trust and humbly asks for mercy. **It says, "I hurt because I hurt you."** It allows your wounded loved one to feel heard and understood. Teamwork happens as you both resolve to choose a better way going forward. Your spouse finds safe space to share whatever form of comfort and reassurance is needed. A spark of hope is lit so you can rekindle your love.

"I'M SORRY" BRINGS HEALING.

When met with grace, it restores the relationship. Confession sets things right with God, because "*if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*" (1 Jn. 1:9) **It puts the past behind you, setting you free from shame, secrets, and regret.** The words *I'm truly sorry* are sweet medicine for your souls, moving you toward the beautiful oneness God created you to experience.

Today, humble your hearts to draw close and say *I'm sorry*. Offer open, sincere confession and forgiveness to one another. Find freedom from guilt, shame, and regret. Receive compassion in each other's arms. Let God do a powerful work of healing to make your marriage close and joyful again.

"Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." (James 5:16)



WELCOME TO LAKEVIEW CHAPEL

Sunday, May 30, 2021 / Worship 10 AM

Invocation

Song Hymn 780 **America The Beautiful**

Welcome & Announcements

Song Hymn 635 **Dare To Be A Daniel**

Song **King of Kings**

Scripture Reading Daniel 5 **Steve**

Worship Prayer **Duane**

Message Writing On The Wall **Pastor Dave**

Song Hymn 57 **Search Me O God**

Song **Whom Shall I Fear**

Benediction

Sermons are available online at:

<https://www.lakeviewowego.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/lakeviewowego>

Events and Information

EVENING OF SCRIPTURE & PRAYER – Please join us for a time of scripture & prayer today, May 30th at 6 PM to be led by Duane & Doris and Jeff.

LOAVES AND FISHES – The Loaves and Fishes Team will be hosting a Church Memorial Luncheon on June 6th. Also, Lakeview-On-The-Go will be on June 13th. Please consider donating food for these events. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please bring any donated food to the church by 11 AM June 5th. Call Kelly for more information (607) 687-3261.

UPCOMING MISSIONS EMPHASIS EVENT - An IW will join us on Sunday morning, June 20 at 10 AM. They will share with us about the work God is doing in Gabon, Africa.

CHANGE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN - Change For Life is a great way to help provide godly guidance for mothers in distress at the Life Choices Center. Simply pick up a baby bottle, fill it with cash, check, or change and return it by Sunday, June 27th. Donations can be made online through the Change for Life giving page at LifeChoicesCenter.org.

SUMMER NIGHTS WITH JESUS - This year, our special summer family ministry will be a series of fun nights spread throughout the summer. **Summer Nights with Jesus!** We will be doing things like a family scavenger hunt, a slip-n-slide night, a movie night, and other ideas you suggest! If you are interested in helping in any way let Patti know.

SUMMER JUNIOR CHURCH & NURSERY - Starting Sunday June 6th, the PreK to Kindergarten Junior Church will be held upstairs in the second nursery room. Older kids can stay with their parents for the summer until fall. The nursery will also be available. A huge THANK YOU to our Junior Church and Nursery volunteers who are serving so faithfully!

JUNIOR CHURCH & NURSERY HELP – Want to make an impact on a child's life? Why not join the Junior Church or the Nursery Team! Please contact Patti if interested.

**We're building a community of faith in God
that LIVES WELL but not by SIGHT.**

Small Group Ministry

Small Group (Led by Doug & Maybell)

Starting June 1st, every Tuesday at 9:30 AM at their home. If you are interested in attending, please call (607) 687-3261.

Adult Group (Led by Steve & Kristie) Meeting Friday evenings 7PM at Steve & Kristie's home. Using *'The Steps to Freedom in Christ'* material. For more information, call (607) 687-3261.

Couples Small Group (Led by Chad & Judy)

Tuesday evenings 6:30 PM. Meeting at Lakeview in the Fellowship Hall. Reviewing *'The Art of Marriage'*. For more information, call (607) 687-3261.

Women's Bible Study (Led by Anne)

Tuesday mornings from 9:30 AM-12 Noon at Lakeview. Meeting in the sanctuary.

Men's Bible Study (Led by Pastor Dave)

Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the Fellowship Hall. Studying the book of Acts.

Prayer Meeting (Led by Art) Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8PM at Lakeview. Meeting in the 1st floor classroom by the stairs.

Youth Programs

IMPACT - Teen Group (6th–12th grade) meets every Wednesday night from 6:30 PM – 8 PM at Lakeview.

This Weeks Calendar

Tuesday	9:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Graves's Small Group
	6:30 PM	Couples Small Group
Wednesday	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting
	6:30 PM	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 PM	IMPACT Teen Group
Friday	7:00 PM	Adult Small Group

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. Deuteronomy 31:8 NIV