Communion Meditation – Psalm 32

Psalm 32.8 "Tell & Show" September 9th, 2012

David Speaks to God

- David began the psalm speaking to us ~ the readers
- But by **verse 7** he is speaking only to God ~ exclusive focus
- David didn't even make request ~ stated facts ~ "You <u>are</u>", "You <u>shall</u>"
- He spoke of <u>who</u> God is ~ and <u>what</u> God does . . .

God Responds to David

- So in **verse 8** we should not be surprised to find God respond
 - Some commentators see David saying this to us ~ "No..."
 - $\circ~$ This is God confirming & extending what David had stated
- David stated that God was "the" safe place and his protector
 - o God then explains what must now happen
 - We may want to stay in that safe place \sim but He won't let us

vs 8a ~ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go"

- "instruct" ~ tell us where we should go and what we should do
- "teach" ~ show us where we should go and what we should do
- This is exactly what Jesus did ~ tell & show / show & tell
 "The Master Plan of Evangelism" by Robert Coleman

vs 8b ~ "I will <u>guide</u> you with My eye"

- <u>*Ill*</u>: Dad's boot camp story of watching movie w/other platoons
- Read John 10.1-5 ~ Sheep knowing the voice of Jesus
- But the intimacy with which God leads us can go farther
 - $\circ~$ We can be guided by His eye
 - Only the most <u>watchful servant</u> can be guided by his master's eye
 - He must be attentive to his master's every move
 - Few attain that level of service ~ few even aspire to it

We may want to remain in the hiding place ~ in a place of safety But God shows us where we should go ~ and what we should do Jesus told us "narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life"