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<p>Theme: The big problem</p>	<p>Date: 21 Sep 2012</p>
<p>Scripture: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 Tim 1:15 (NIV)</p> 	<p>Comment: I find it easy to forget what a big issue sin is and the price Jesus paid to deal with the problem. When this happens it affects the way I live, how I behave, what I say. Furthermore I can try to make the Gospel message more “attractive” and gloss over the “Sin” issue so as to not alienate people. Either way - It’s not pretty. When I’m convicted of my sin it brings me back to Jesus and to my knees in gratitude and worship. A couple I know pray to be convicted of their sins every day and then confess and repent together. They are one of the closest couples I have ever met ... close to God and to each other. When we repent of our sins it removes barriers between us and God and our dependence and love of God is there, obvious for all to see.</p> <p>Are you like me... do you need to be reminded of the Sin problem? As a couple; how are you dealing with your sin?</p>
<p>Prayer (as a couple): Dear Lord, thank you that you have dealt once and for all with our sin. Father God – help us to understand and embrace the enormity of what Jesus has done on the Cross. Through the Holy Spirit convict us of our sins and help us to confess and repent of them and to grow closer to you Father and to one another. Amen.</p>	<p>Prayer (for others): Dear Lord we pray for and and for other couples in our community. May you give them a new understanding of the Sin problem and what Jesus has done on the Cross and may they respond in a way that pleases you. Amen</p>
<p>Final quote: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matt 1:21. "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death." Rom 8:1-2</p>	

For further reading there's an interesting article at

<http://www.reddirtchronicles.com/2012/04/my-sin-addiction/>

Remember others will also be praying in this way this week. Together and with God we can make a difference.

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