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On September 14, 2018, hurricane Florence swept across the east coast of the United States. Homes were destroyed, and cars overturned, as floodwaters rushed through streets and neighborhoods. Days before, government officials had issued an evacuation notice, telling people to flee to safety. Many listened and were saved. But some who ignored the warnings, didn't survive. It's estimated that more than 50 people died because of the storm. Why didn't they listen? Why did they wait until it was too late to escape?

In Psalm 32, David tells a story. He says something like this: *“The people who are truly happy in life are the ones who know they've been fully forgiven by God (verses 1-2). But there was a time in my life when I kept silent about my sin, hoping it would just go away. When I did that, I felt miserable because of my guilt (verses 3-4). Eventually, I decided to confess my sin to God. And you know what? He forgave me (verse 5)!”*

So, what's the point of David's story? He tells us in verse 6: Pray and ask God to forgive you! Don't wait until its too late. Don't be like the people who ignored the warnings about Hurricane Florence. There is coming a day when God will punish those who have sinned against him. But Jesus will rescue you from your sins, if you trust in him and ask him to forgive you. If you've already trusted in Jesus for your salvation, God doesn't expect you to be perfect. Continue to confess your sins to God and ask him to help you follow Jesus in obedience.

God is eager to hear your prayers and he promises to forgive you. Will you call out to him in prayer?