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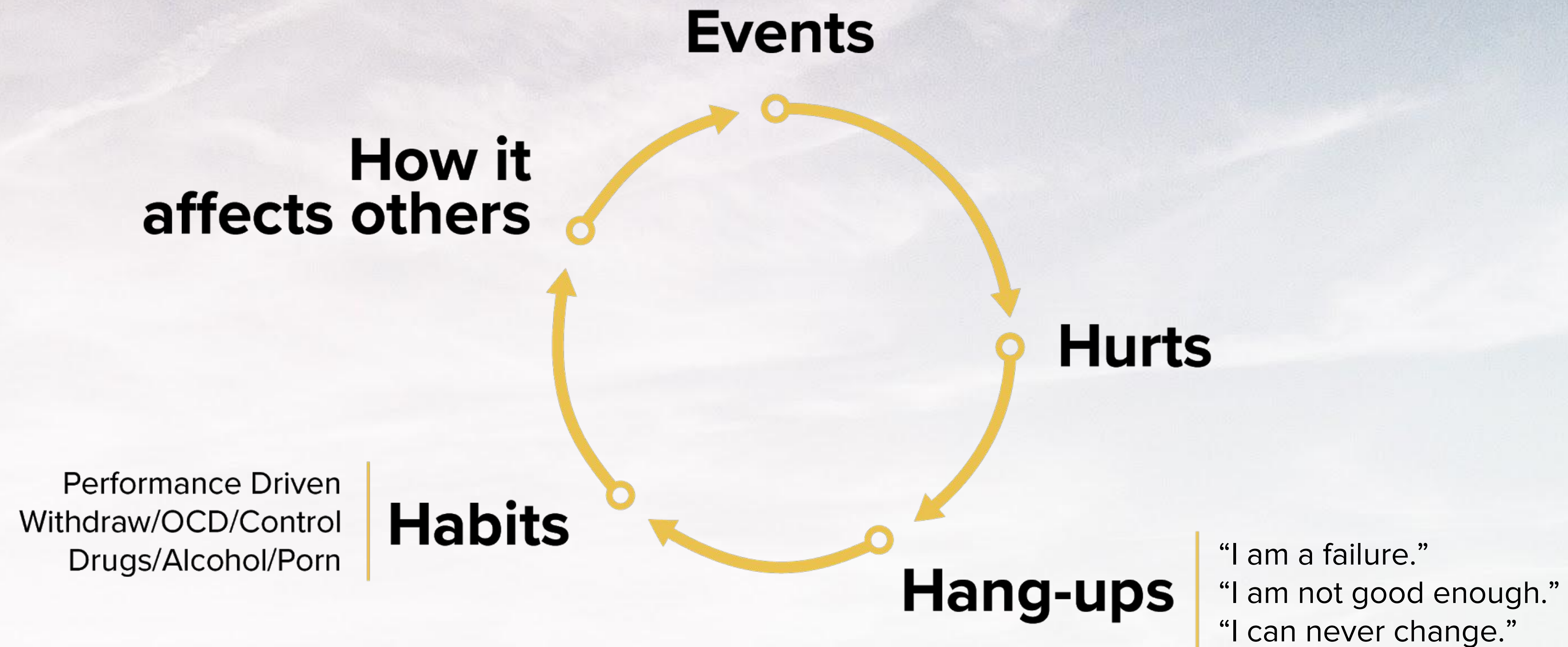


## **Principle 1 & 2**

Realize I'm not God; I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover.









## **Principle 3**

Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

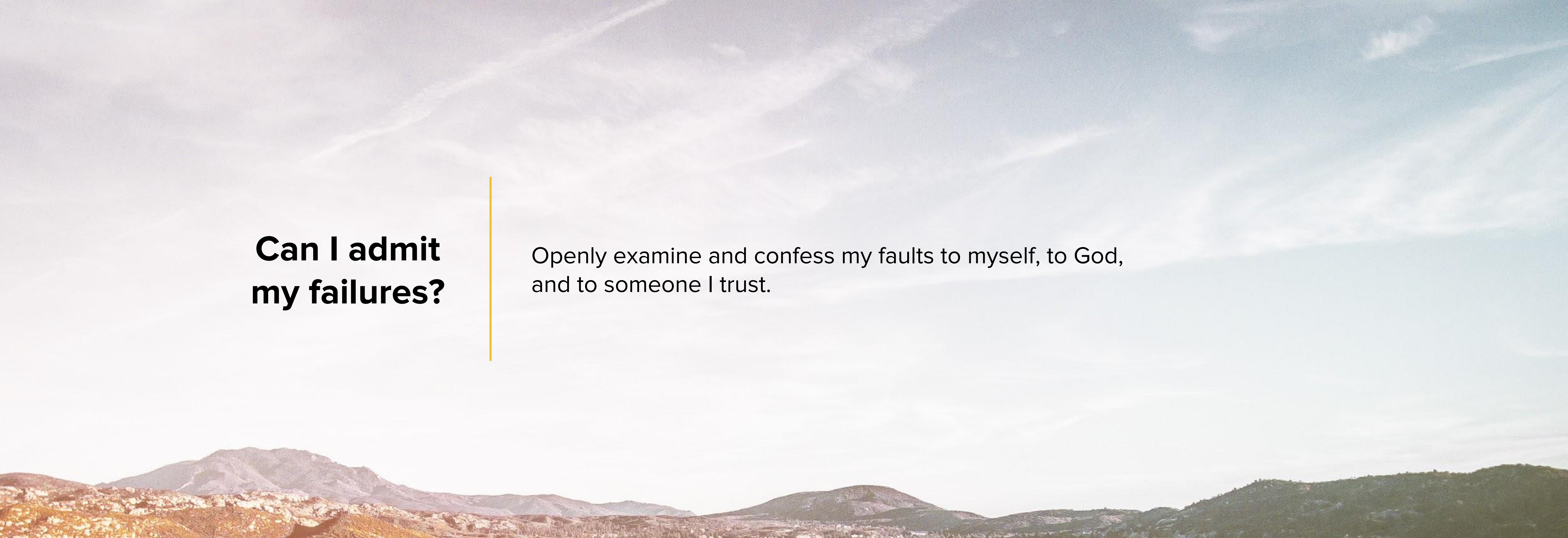




## Principle 4

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and to someone I trust.





## **Can I admit my failures?**

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## **2 Samuel 12**

The Confession  
of King David





## **2 Samuel 11:2-5 niv**

One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, <sup>3</sup> and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.” <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. Then she went back home. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, “I am pregnant.”



A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a range of mountains under a vast, cloudy sky. The foreground features a rocky, reddish-brown hillside. The middle ground shows several mountain peaks, some covered in green vegetation and others appearing more barren. The sky is filled with soft, white and grey clouds, with a hint of blue visible on the right side.

The Lord sent Nathan to David.

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*2 Samuel 12:1 niv*





## **2 Samuel 12:1-3 niv**

When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.”





## **2 Samuel 12:4 niv**

“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”





## **2 Samuel 12:5-6 niv**

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup> He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”





## **2 Samuel 12:7-9 niv**

Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. <sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes?’”

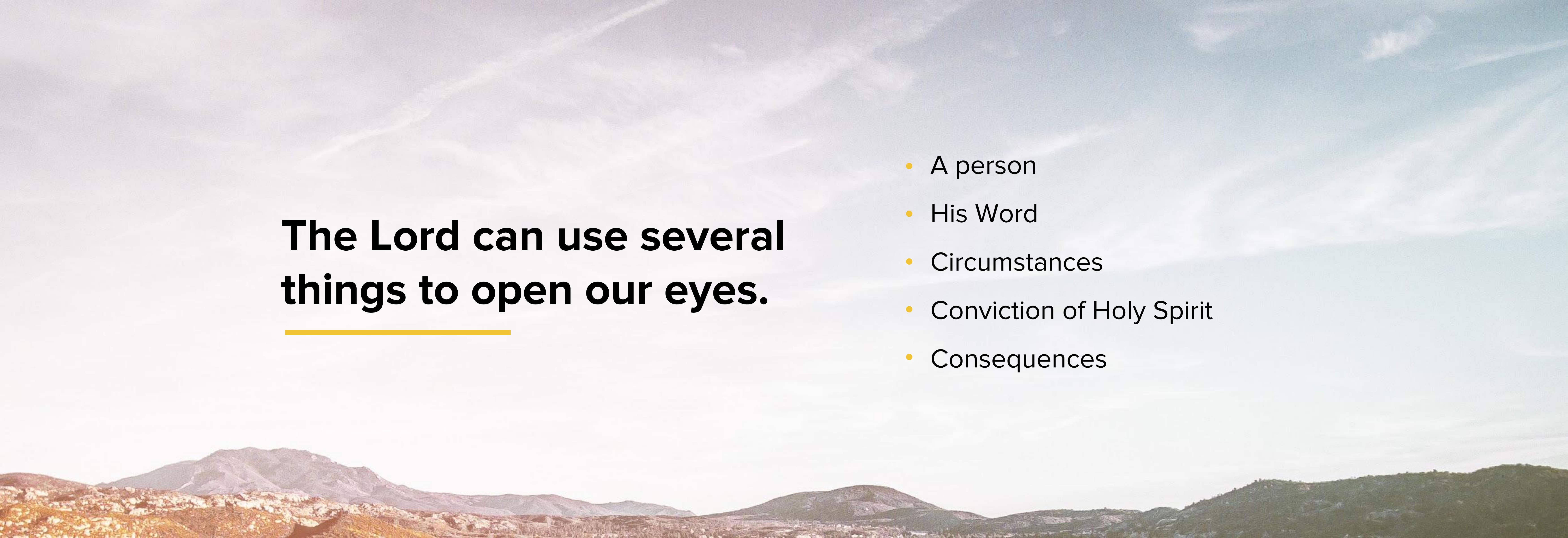




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**The Lord can use several  
things to open our eyes.**

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- A person
- His Word
- Circumstances
- Conviction of Holy Spirit
- Consequences





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Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.”

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*2 Samuel 12:13 niv*





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**There is healing in the revealing.**

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**Can I admit my failures?**

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### **Psalm 32:1-5 niv**

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. <sup>3</sup> When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. <sup>5</sup> 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.