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# FACING YOUR GIANTS



# Epic Fail





# I. David's Epic Fail



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**GIANTS**

When I refused to confess my sin,  
my body wasted away, and groaned  
all day long. Day and night your hand  
of discipline was heavy on me. My  
strength evaporated like water in the  
summer heat.

(Psalm 32:3-4, NLT)

I. David's Epic Fail



David sent someone to  
bring her to the palace. She  
became David's wife, and  
they had a son.

(2 Samuel 11:27a)

The thing that David  
had done displeased  
the LORD.

(2 Samuel 11:27b)

I. David's Epic Fail



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The Lord sent Nathan to  
David. (vs. 1)

Thus saith the LORD, (vs. 7&11)

And the LORD struck, (vs 15)

I. David's Epic Fail



“I have sinned  
against The LORD,”  
(2 Samuel 12:13)

I. David's Epic Fail





# II. Three Images of God

- God Probes the Guilty Heart









Instead, he took the lamb from the poor man and cooked it for his visitor. (2 Sam. 12:4, NCV)





David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! (2 Samuel 12:5-6)



He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity. (2 Samuel 12:5-6)



“You are the man!”

(2 Samuel 12:7)





I made you king over Israel. I freed you from the fist of Saul. I gave you your master's daughter and other wives to have and to hold. (vs. 7-9, MSG)



I gave you both Israel and Judah. And if that hadn't been enough, I'd have gladly thrown in much more. So why have you treated the word of God with brazen contempt, doing this great evil? (vs. 7-9, MSG)





You murdered Uriah the Hittite, then took his wife as your wife. Worse, you killed him with an Ammonite sword! (vs. 7-9 MSG)

# II. Three Images of God

- God Probes the Guilty Heart
- God Pressures the Guilty Heart





Now, therefore, the sword will  
never depart from your house,  
because you despised me and took  
the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be  
your own.

(2 Samuel 12:10-12)

God Pressures the Guilty Heart





This is what the Lord says: "Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity upon you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight.

(2 Samuel 12:10-12)

God Pressures the Guilty Heart



You did it in secret, but I  
will do this thing in broad  
daylight before all Israel.

(2 Samuel 12:10-12)

God Pressures the Guilty Heart



“...you can be sure  
that your sin will track  
you down.”

(Numbers 32:23, MSG)

God Pressures the Guilty Heart







God Pressures the Guilty Heart

Those who plow evil and  
sow trouble, reap evil  
and trouble.

(Job 4:8, MSG)

God Pressures the Guilty Heart





You cannot fool God, so  
don't make a fool of  
yourself! You will  
harvest what you plant.

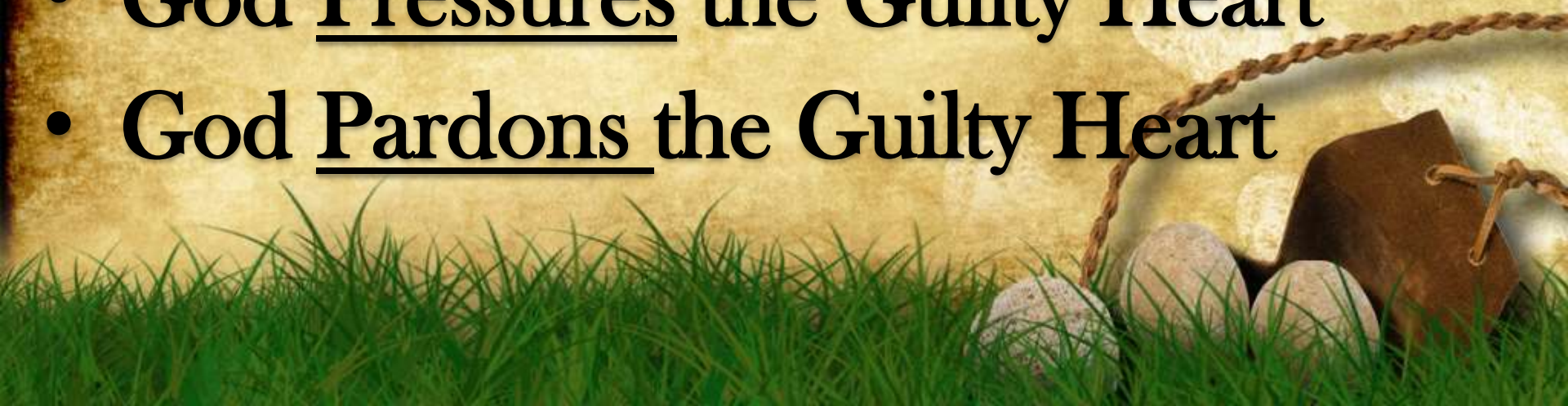
(Galatians 6:7, CEV)

God Pressures the Guilty Heart



# II. Three Images of God

- God Probes the Guilty Heart
- God Pressures the Guilty Heart
- God Pardons the Guilty Heart



Then David confessed to  
Nathan, “I’ve sinned  
against God.”

(2 Sam. 12:13, MSG)

God Pardons the Guilty Heart





Nathan pronounced, “Yes, but that’s not the last word. God forgives your sin. You won’t die for it.”

(2 Sam. 12:13, MSG)

God Pardons the Guilty Heart





He has removed our sins as far from  
us as the east is from the west. The  
Lord is like a father to his children,  
tender and compassionate to those  
who fear him.

(Psalm 103:12-13, NLT)

God Pardons the Guilty Heart

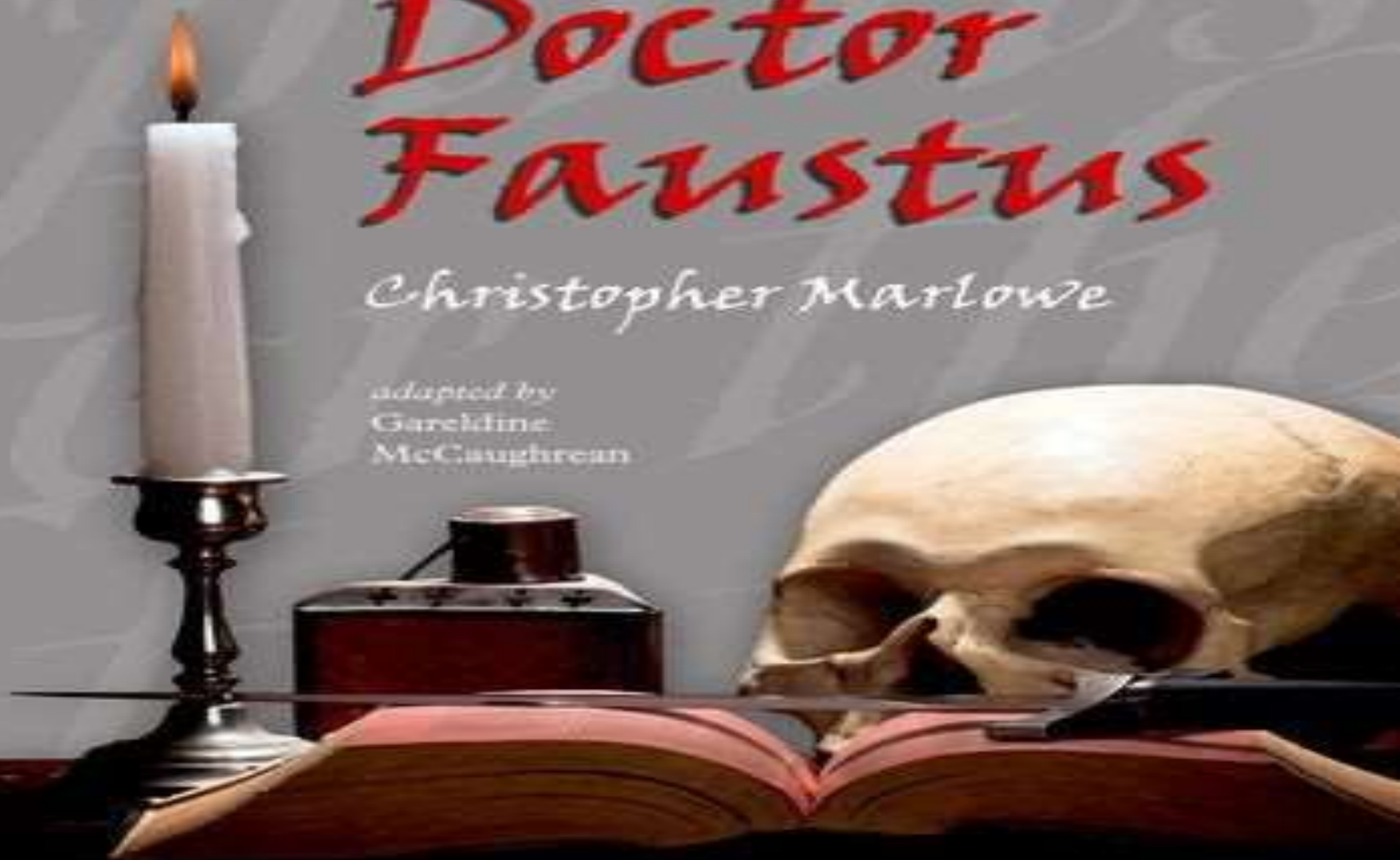


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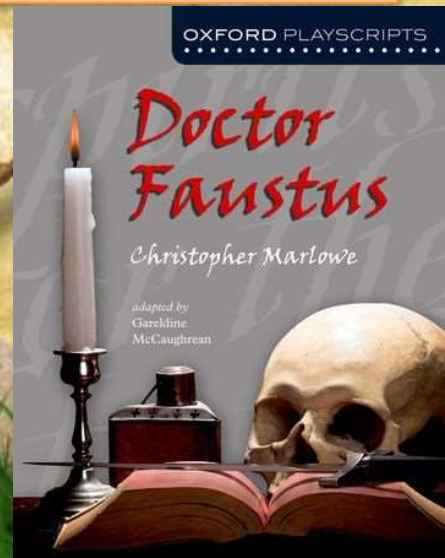
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# For the wages of sin is death,

(Romans 6:23)

God Pardons the Guilty Heart

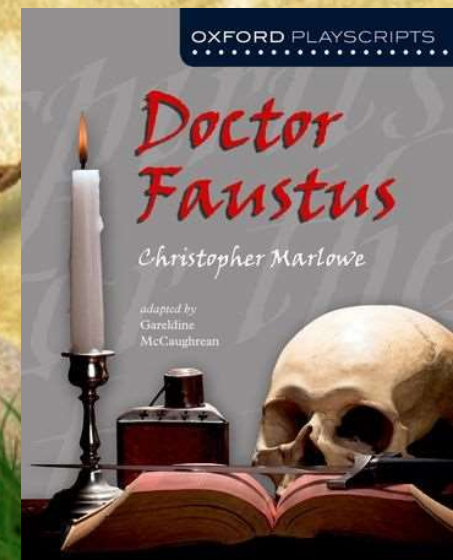




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truth isn't in our hearts.

(1 John 1:8, CEV)

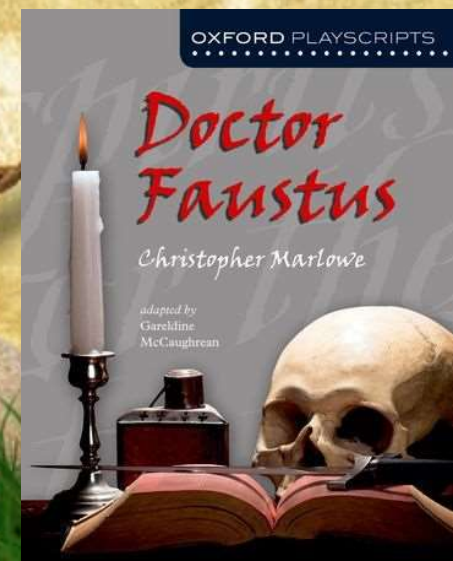
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For the wages of sin is death,  
*but the free gift of God is eternal life  
through Christ Jesus our Lord.*

(Romans 6:23)

God Pardons the Guilty Heart

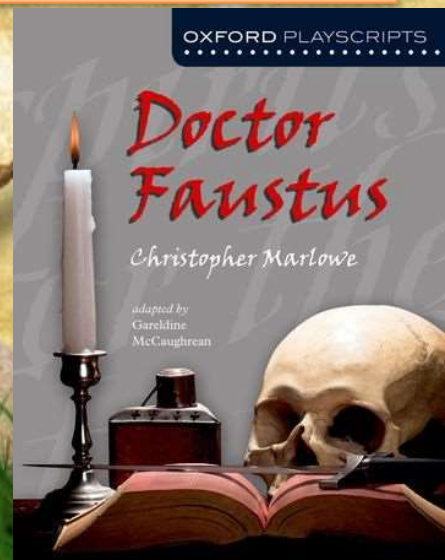




If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth isn't in our hearts. *But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.*

(1 John 1:8, CEV)

God Pardons the Guilty Heart





"I have sinned  
against the Lord."

(2 Sam. 12:13)

God Pardons the Guilty Heart



Confession is  
telling God, you  
did the thing He  
saw you do.



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