

**Winning The Game Of Life**  
**#4: How To Be Vulnerable With God**

**1. Make the choice** \_\_\_\_\_

a) I must tell \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 7:7** Ask and it will be given to you...

b) I must confess \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

c) I must talk to Him \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 10:1-2** Why, Lord, do you stand far off? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble? In his arrogance, the wicked man hunts down the weak, who are caught in the schemes he devises.

**2. Remember how God makes it** \_\_\_\_\_

a) Remember I experience His love \_\_\_\_\_

**Philippians 4:19** And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

b) Remember He loved me \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:14** "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

c) My weakness in His \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 12:9** "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

**Psalm 94:18** When I said, "My foot is slipping," your unfailing love, Lord, supported me.

**Psalm 139:23-24** Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting

**Romans 7:14-15** but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

**Matthew 26:37-38** He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

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Take the wholehearted inventory

**God affirmations**

- I am broken, but I am also being transformed, and my brokenness is not the end of the story when God is in the mix.
- I am weak, but God delights in me nonetheless. He is famous for showing His power through frail vessels like me (and you).
- I am far from perfect, but I am loved by the Father, and no thing, no one, and no physical, emotional, or spiritual imperfection can change the unending reality of His love.
- I limp and stumble and falter too often, but God will never give up on me, so why would I give up on myself or others?

*"Why did God create us with needs? Most of us have never thought about this before: Without needs we cannot experience love—we cannot know when we are being loved...A desk has no need to be loved. We may say we 'love' a certain desk, but disappointing as it may be to some, the desk will never know our love. It has no capacity for love. Needs give us the capacity to feel loved. We know or experience love when our needs are met. This is why we say that love is the process of meeting needs." Bill Thrall*