

# *A Song of Forgiveness*

## *Songs For The Road - 5*

The Bible declares that worship is designed for sinners! If you think about it, anyone who feels he is righteous by his own goodness wouldn't have any reason to worship God anyway. This is what Jesus meant when He said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matthew 9:13).

Many people of Jesus' day were shocked at his openness with sinners, and they slandered Him for associating with them. But He was doing nothing more than what God had been doing throughout the centuries--welcoming sinners into His presence to worship Him.

### **LOOKING BACK:**

*Have you ever struggled with an overwhelming sense of guilt? Ever wished you could "turn back the clock?"  
Are there past sins that still haunt and burden you?*

### **LOOKING DEEP:**

#### **Read Psalm 130**

- 1. What is good about being "in the depths?" In spite of his burden, why does the psalmist have reason to rejoice (vss 3-4)?*
- 2. How does the psalmist's understanding of God differ from the caricature often depicted of a God who "keeps books" on people, specifically for the purpose of gathering sufficient evidence to condemn them? Does this mean that God isn't concerned about sin?*
- 3. What does it mean to "wait for the Lord?" What does the imagery of a watchman waiting for the dawn convey to you?*
- 4. Are there specific promises in the Bible (like 1 John 1:8-2:2) which offer you assurance of God's forgiveness? When it comes to forgiveness, do you operate more from God's Word or from your own feelings?*
- 5. What does this psalm speak to you about being honest and authentic before God?*

**PRAYER REQUESTS  
AND REFLECTIONS**