

Forgiveness

God...is near.

Imagine the water in front of you is a deep, deep lake.

Pick up a stone and brush off the dirt.
Dip it into the water and wash it clean.
How does the stone look and feel with the dust and
dirt rinsed away?

Now think about your life and the “dust and dirt”
you may have picked up in recent days.

Hold the stone in your hand. Ask God to show you
where you need to be cleansed;
maybe for things you said...
or for things you have done...
perhaps for your thoughts....

Talk to God about these things and ask him to forgive you.

Take your time.

Imagine these things wrapped around the stone in your hand.
Throw it into the water.

Read Psalm 103:11-12

Do you want the stone back?

That's how God treated the sin you confessed this morning.

It gone...and in God's economy, forgotten.

Close your eyes, breathe deeply and savor the cleansing of God's
forgiveness.

Rejoice that He has made you pure.

Pray.

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