2 Samuel 12:13a NIV
Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

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All:
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Exodus 34:6 NIV
And he passed in front of Moses,
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