St. Augustine
Augustine lived much of his life in **Hippo, Africa**.

Augustine was a very **SMART** man, but he made a lot of **dumb** choices.
Augustine’s mom, Monica, prayed for him everyday. It took 17 years of her tears and prayers to finally catch up to Augustine and help turn his life around. Because of Monica’s trust in God, persistence in prayer, and love for her son, she is now known as Saint Monica and is the patron saint of mothers.
God helped answer Monica’s prayers by sending St. Ambrose into Augustine’s life. Not only could he match Augustine’s intelligence, but he also showed him the great joy that comes with living like a saint.
Both Augustine’s HEART and MIND hungered for the Truth. This hunger led him to become both a big-time SAINT and a big-time THEOLOGIAN.
Augustine is believed to have written the world’s first ever autobiography. The title of this book is *Confessions*, referencing the roller coaster ride he took before finally giving his whole life to Jesus.
“I was an unhappy young man when I prayed, ‘Grant me chastity, but not yet’.”

“And now I had discovered the good pearl (Jesus). To buy it I had to sell all that I had; and I hesitated”.

(Reference to Matthew 13:46)
“Late have I loved You, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved You! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for You...

...You called, You shouted, and You broke through my deafness. You flashed, You shone, and You dispelled my blindness. You breathed Your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for You. I have tasted You, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for Your peace.”
"How long shall I go on saying 'tomorrow, tomorrow'? Why not now? Why not make an end of my ugly sins at this moment?"
You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You.”
The world says these things will make you “HAPPY”...

(The latest and coolest songs/albums/artists, TV shows, movies, books, magazines, fashions, celebrity gossip, etc.)

(And all the stuff you can buy with money)

(Striving for fame and attention, needing to be seen as “cool”, etc.)

(Having great hair, the “perfect body”, wearing the coolest clothes, dressing for attention, etc.)

(Hooking up, a boyfriend/girlfriend, the “perfect” spouse, etc.)

(Being the best player, being on the best team, knowing the most about players/teams/games, etc.)

(Getting good grades, being in tons of extracurriculars, going to a prestigious school, having a big money-making job, living in a big house, owning a cabin up north, driving a nice car, flying 1st class, going on fancy vacations, etc.)

(Getting drunk, acting crazy, hooking up, etc.)

(Social media, cell phones, computers, websites, blogs, TV, video games, the latest gadgets, etc.)

...But only GOD can truly fill the hole in your soul.
Verse 1
I wish I could say what words won't amount to,
But now I can't speak your name
Send it in a letter
Wait for your reply
Because you were on my mind

I'm sorry Mary but it's over
I'm sorry Mary but it's over
I'm sorry Mary but it's over
I’m sorry Mary

(Fast forward)

Bridge
Illusions all but faded
Sunlight beams in your hair
Trying me

Chorus
I'm sorry Mary but it's over
I'm sorry Mary but it's over
I'm sorry Mary but it's over
I’m sorry Mary
How do you think this song relates to St. Augustine and his book, *Confessions*?

“I’m Sorry, Mary” is a breakup song.

Augustines’s book *Confessions* is not about moving on from a failed relationship with a girl, but about moving on from his old life of sin. It’s Augustine’s own “breakup book”. Augustine knew that his relationship with his pride, hooking up, and other sins needed to come to an end, but he knew how tough and painful it would be to give these sins up and go the other way.

Being a saint isn’t always easy. In fact, sometime it’s extremely hard because we find ourselves attached to certain sins that God wants us to “break up” with.