

# Psalm

## PRAYERS OF THE HEART

### Week 5

**Psalm 51:** For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
because of your unfailing love.  
Because of your great compassion,  
blot out the stain of my sins.  
<sup>2</sup> Wash me clean from my guilt.  
Purify me from my sin.  
<sup>3</sup> For I recognize my rebellion;  
it haunts me day and night.  
<sup>4</sup> Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;  
I have done what is evil in your sight.  
You will be proved right in what you say,  
and your judgment against me is just.  
<sup>5</sup> For I was born a sinner—  
yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.  
<sup>6</sup> But you desire honesty from the womb,  
teaching me wisdom even there.  
<sup>7</sup> Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.  
<sup>8</sup> Oh, give me back my joy again;  
you have broken me—  
now let me rejoice.  
<sup>9</sup> Don't keep looking at my sins.  
Remove the stain of my guilt.  
<sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Renew a loyal spirit within me.  
<sup>11</sup> Do not banish me from your presence,  
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.  
<sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey you.  
<sup>13</sup> Then I will teach your ways to rebels,  
and they will return to you.  
<sup>14</sup> Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who  
saves;  
then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness.  
<sup>15</sup> Unseal my lips, O Lord,  
that my mouth may praise you.

2 Samuel 11-12:  
Story of David and  
Bathsheba

- [1. WRONG SPIRIT](#)
- [2. SEPARATED FROM GODS PRESENCE](#)
- [3. WE LOSE OUR JOY OF SALVATION](#)
- [4. OUR WITNESS IS DIMINISHED](#)
- [5. OUR INNER SONG IS GONE](#)
- [6. OUR PRAISE IS GONE](#)

## Barriers to Confession

:: [“WE ARE ALL SINNERS”](#)

:: [“ITS NOT A BIG DEAL”](#)

:: [BLAME OTHERS](#)

:: [SHAME](#)

:: [PRIDE](#)

We do not confess our sin because we believe in [OURSELVES](#) more than we believe in [GOD](#).

***Create in me a clean heart, O God.***

***Renew a right spirit within me.***

*Ps. 51:10 [KJV]*

## SO WHAT?

### 1. [CONFESS YOUR SIN TO GOD](#)

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9*

### 2. [CONFESS YOUR SIN TO ANOTHER PERSON](#)

*Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5:16*

### 3. [REPENT](#)

*Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Acts 3:19*

# NOTES:

**Luke 15:10**

***“...There is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”***

*- Jesus*



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## **Now What? [For Further Reflection]:**

- :: *Share what God has been saying to you during this series.*
  - :: *Read the story of David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11-12*
    - :: *What stands out to you in the story?*
    - :: *What questions does it raise?*
  - :: *Take a moment to pray and then reread Psalm 51.*
    - :: *How do you see it differently after reading the context in which it was written?*
  - :: *Pastor Steve listed some consequences of un-confessed sin.*
    - :: *Where have you seen those play out in your life?*
  - :: *Look again at the list of reasons why we tend to not confess sin.*
    - :: *Which of these lies to you tend to embrace?*
    - :: *What other lies could be added to the list?*
  - :: *Pastor Steve said, "We don't confess sin because we believe in ourselves more than we believe in God."*
    - :: *What are some implications of that statement?*
    - :: *How do we guard against self-reliance?*
  - :: *What is the next step for you out of this message? Tell at least one person and ask them to pray for you & hold you accountable to do it.*
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## **How to start a relationship with God:**

- 1) Admitting that you, like everyone else, are in need of rescue.
- 2) Asking God to forgive your sins.
- 3) Saying YES to God by trusting Jesus as Savior & Lord.

You can do that right now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

***Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I recognize you as Savior; and I choose to respond to you as my Risen LORD. Help me to walk, stand and sit with you by faith in every area of my life. In Your name, Amen.***

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