

# Psalms

## 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. I 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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