



Building the Ships: Stewardship

5-Day Devotional | "I've Got To Get Myself Together!"

Sermon Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:27, Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12 (NIV, KJV)

DAY 1 — Stewardship Starts With the Mirror

Scripture Focus: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
— Psalm 51:10 (NIV)

Devotional Thought: Lifestyle stewardship is foundational to our faith. Stewardship is not about ownership—it is about management. God owns everything; we manage what He entrusts to us, including ourselves.

As we begin a new year full of declarations and decisions—physical, mental, financial, and social—God redirects our focus to the one in the mirror. Before we ask God to fix systems, situations, and surroundings, we must first ask Him to deal with self.

The old saints said it best: "It's not my mother, father, sister, nor brother—but it's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer."

Getting yourself together is not self-centered—it is God-centered stewardship.

Reflection Questions:

- What area of my life have I avoided managing responsibly?
- What does "managing myself" look like spiritually?

Prayer: Lord, before I ask You to fix anything around me, fix what's within me. Help me steward my heart, mind, and life well. Amen.

DAY 2 — The Right Voice at The Right Time

Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:1a (NIV) "The Lord sent Nathan to David."

Devotional Thought: David was king. Victorious. Accomplished. Anointed. Yet, position does not always mean you are in the right place with God.

God sent Nathan—not to shame David, but to restore him.

Who is your Nathan? We all need the right people in our lives:

- Champions who stand with us
- Collaborators who walk with us
- Companions who remain with us
- Connectors who open doors for us
- Energizers who lift us
- Mind Openers who stretch us
- Navigators who guide us





Spiritual maturity is revealed by who you allow to speak when you don't like what they're saying.

Reflection Questions:

- Who has permission to correct me?
- Do I listen only to voices that affirm me—or those that transform me?

Prayer: God, send the right voices into my life—people who love You, love me, and love me enough to tell me the truth. Amen.

DAY 3 — Confession Before Correction

Scripture Focus: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love."
— Psalm 51:1 (NIV)

Devotional Thought: David's greatest desire was not to protect his reputation—it was to restore his relationship with God. Confession is not about excuses; it is about alignment. David appeals to God's mercy, compassion, and unfailing love.

Notice this: God did not dethrone David. Grace met him in his failure. The word "blot" means to cancel a debt—to erase a charge that once stood against you. God doesn't scrub sin; He blots it out.

True stewardship requires honesty with God. When we confess, we are not informing God—we are surrendering to Him.

Reflection Questions:

- What am I asking God to overlook instead of asking Him to forgive?
- Have I confused regret with repentance?

Prayer: God, I don't want to hide anymore. I want to be restored. Blot out what stands between You and me. Amen.

DAY 4 — Wash Me Thoroughly

Scripture Focus: "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin."
— Psalm 51:2 (KJV)

Devotional Thought: David asked for internal and external cleansing. Sin defiles the soul the way dirt defiles the body. And just like stubborn stains, some things require repeated washing.

"Wash me" means:

- Wash my mind until it's renewed
- Wash my steps until they're ordered
- Wash my words until they sound like Yours
- Wash my thoughts until I think right



Only God can wash what others can't see. Some stains are invisible to people—but obvious to God and ourselves.

What can wash away our sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Reflection Questions:

- What stain am I pretending is gone?
- Am I letting God do the washing—or trying to clean myself?

Prayer: Lord, wash me thoroughly. Do what I cannot do for myself. Clean me from the inside out. Amen.

DAY 5 — Restore Me to Joy

Scripture Focus: "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit."
— Psalm 51:12 (NIV)

Devotional Thought: David's greatest fear was not losing the throne—it was losing God's presence. There are many things we can live without—but we cannot live without Him. Restoration does not mean starting over. Restoration means being returned to the place you were before sin disrupted the flow. David asked God to create in him a clean heart—the same word used in Genesis 1:1. Only God can make something brand new.

- Joy returns when stewardship is restored.
- Peace returns when presence is prioritized.
- Strength returns when surrender is complete.

Reflection Questions:

- Where did I lose my joy?
- What would it look like for God to fully restore me?

Prayer: God, take me back—to the joy, the fire, the hunger, and the closeness I once had with You. Restore me completely. Amen.

Closing Declaration: Lord, I've got to get myself together—and I trust You to do the work in me.