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Create & Renew, Restore & Uphold
Psalm 52
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Sermon Summary

David prayed Psalm 51 after committing adultery with Bathsheba, but his words and heart of repentance are universally relevant to all who feel the weight of their sin (Dane C. Ortlund, In The Lord I Take Refuge, p. 144). Twenty-seven times in the first 12 verses, David communicates about himself with God using “me,” “my,” and “I”! Sin has an individual consequence. Sin may or may not involve others but there is no escaping personal responsibility for sin. David cried out to the Lord to “cleanse me,” “purge me,” “restore me,” “blot out all my iniquities,” and “against you and you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.” In order to be right with God, everyone, like David, must seek forgiveness and restoration from God! All who do, receive a clean heart and a right spirit.

Memory Verse: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

Diving Into The Message

Know Your Transgressions!

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God **Romans 3:23**.

Know and admit that you have sinned (Transgressions, Iniquity, Sin).

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. **Psalm 51:1-5**

Be Honest; Be Free!

When we are honest with God and seek His forgiveness, we are set free from the bondage of sin (Romans 6:23, 1 John 1:8-10).

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Psalm 51:6-9

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Romans 8:1-6

Create & Renew Me

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. **Psalm 51:10**

The Presence of the Holy Spirit

Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. **Psalm 51:11**

Restore & Uphold Me

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. **Psalm 51:12**

A Broken and Contrite Heart

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 51:17

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you know you have sinned? Read Romans 3:23. What have you done about your sin?
2. What does the Bible teach about sin? Read Romans 6:23 What does the Bible teach to do about sin?
1 John 1:8-10
3. Have you ever had the occasion to confront someone about their sin? Read 2 Samuel 12:1-15
4. How hard might it have been for Nathan to confront King David? How hard might it have been for King David to receive the word from the Lord through Nathan?
5. What did King David do in response to the confrontation with Nathan? What did God do?
6. Read Romans 8:1-6. What does it mean to be set free from sin? What does it mean to set your mind on the flesh? What does it mean to set your mind on the Spirit?
7. Pray for those who have not yet admitted to their sin and asked the Lord for forgiveness. If that is you, is there any reason why wouldn't you ask the Lord to set you free right now?