

# Stories of Biblical Faith -Week 20

## David's Confession

Ps 51:1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. 5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. 6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. 9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. 10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. 13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. 14 Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

- The prophet Nathan has confronted David's sin and David's response was instant-- acknowledgment and **repentance**.
- Repentance always leads to a new time of **consecration**.
- God is about **mercy**.
- God requires our **honesty** concerning what He calls sin.
- David changed his apparel, went into the house of God, and he **worshipped**.
- Conviction, followed by grieving, followed by consecration, will always lead us to the **compassion** of God.

### David's Confession and Two Great Sobs

1. "Lord be **merciful** to my need, for I am very sinful."
  - The key words come from David in this sob: **me** and **mine**.
  - His sin was a **transgression**. He called it **iniquity**.
  - His sin was really **sin**.
2. David says "I am **sorry**."
  - David could escape the **ghost** that haunted him.
  - David could not escape the **guilt** that held him hostage for over a year.

- When God speaks, it does not come with guilt and shame, but with conviction.
- David goes on to say “Lord, be mindful of my sin nature.”

Two things that become fact about sin.

- David says: “I was born in sin.”
- David says: “I was blinded by sin.”

David’s Cleansing

Part of David’s repentance showed in that he wanted the Lord to deal with every single sin and the consequences brought on by his sin

The Consequences of Sin

1. Sin’s Defilement. It contaminates what is to be pure for a believer.
2. Sin’s Deafness--deaf to the sounds of Biblical joy.
3. Sin’s Disgrace
4. Sin’s Damage  
We must be able to see the damage we can cause by operating in our old sin nature. David’s demise was never really achieved because of God’s willingness to restore and regenerate.
5. Sin’s Doom
6. Sin’s Depression  
Confession is essential for us to not just receive joy again but to keep depression from holding us hostage.
7. Sin’s Defeat

Final thoughts:

- The victorious life is not attained by our own strength.
- Repentance is not just simply turning away from sin but turning to God and claiming the forgiveness He offers.
- The result: It was not over for David yet. He still had a way to be used by God, and so do we.