

THE COMEBACK PRAYER

For the week of February 7, 2021

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Psalm 51

- 1** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- 2** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
- 3** For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4** 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.
- 5** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6** Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.
- 7** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8** Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.
- 9** Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- 11** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- 12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
- 13** Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.
- 14** Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
- 15** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.
- 16** For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
- 17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
- 18** Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem;
- 19** then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

MESSAGE POINTS:

1. Redeem Me (vs 1-2)
2. Restore Me (vs 3-4)
3. Reclaim Me (vs 5-8)
4. Revive Me (vs 10-13)
5. Reinstate Me (vs 14-19)

MAIN POINT:

God makes it possible for me to have a second chance

GET GOING:

- What is the greatest comeback story that you can think of?
- What is redemption? Why is it significant in the Christian life?
- Look at verses 2-3. Why is it important to recognize the sin in our lives?
- Look at verse 12. Where is your joy level when it comes to salvation?
- Who in your life has permission to call you out when they see sin?
- Look at verse 17. What does it mean to be broken before the Lord? When has that happened in your life?
- What is repentance? How do you know when repentance has taken place?
- What is one specific area of your life where God has taken you through the full process from redemption to reinstatement?

KEEP GROWING:

- Turn to Romans 6:12-18.
- How does this relate to what we studied in Psalm 51?
- Look at verse 12-14. What are the characteristics of sin reigning in us?
- One of the best ways to evaluate what reigns in us is by asking those who know you best. Who in your life will be a mirror for you to see yourself more clearly?
- What does it mean to have freedom in Christ? Do you have it currently?
- How have you seen God transform you from a slave to sin to righteousness?
- What does prayer have to do with repentance? What does the church community have to do with repentance? What does the Bible have to do with repentance?

GET GROUNDED:

- Where have you seen victory/reinstatement in your Christian life?
- What are you struggling to truly repent from?
- What impacted you personally from either the message or study today?
- Take a minute to discuss how you can hold one another accountable and encourage each other throughout the week. Where do you need to turn away from evil?

MEMORY VERSE:

Romans 6:12 “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions.”