



## Part 1: Making it Right

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### Psalm 51:1-12

- <sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great compassion  
blot out my transgressions.
- <sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.
- <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict and  
justified when you judge.
- <sup>5</sup> Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time my mother  
conceived me.

- <sup>6</sup> Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
- <sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;  
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.
- <sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
- <sup>9</sup> Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquity.
- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God,  
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me from your presence  
or take your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

### How To Make It Right With God

Request mercy (*vss. 1-2*)

Take ownership (*vs. 3*)

State reality (*vss. 4-5*)

Desire restoration (*vss. 10-11*)

### Matthew 5:23-25

<sup>23</sup> "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court."

### How To Make It Right With a Person

Stop and take stock

How do I know if there is an issue? Clue: Avoidance  
There is a natural tendency to minimize the damage we have caused  
Be honest about the hurts you have created

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## Drop everything and deal with the hurt you have created

### How do I deal with the hurt?

Face to face (*Galatians 2:11*)

With sincerity – if you can't state it, you can't own it (*Romans 12:9*)

With the right question: Will you forgive me?

Without excuses

With realistic expectations of the response (*Romans 12:18*)

**Wisdom:** If you have something against someone and they don't know it, keep it to yourself. Don't create a wound just to put medicine on it.

### Settle the matter so that you can worship freely

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart,  
O God, you will not despise. – *Psalm 51:17*

### Next Steps

Because we all stumble, CTK offers a number of recovery classes and groups. Read more about these opportunities in CTK Life.

**Grieving the Losses In Life:** *Learn how to fully grieve any loss in life*

**Boundaries:** *Learn how to establish healthy boundaries in any relationship*

**12 Steps:** *Break free from habits, hurts and hangups that are keeping you stuck*

**Changes:** *Open, drop-in 12 Step group for support and encouragement*

**Compass:** *Helping kids navigate the ups and downs of life*

**Stand Firm for Men:** *Learn how to break the grip of addictive behaviors*

**Friday Night Light:** *Weekly accountability and encouragement group for men*

**Whatcom Dream:** *Create a spending plan based on your true core values*

**Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace:** *Live within your means and experience financial freedom*

### Small Group Questions



- 1) Have you ever had an embarrassing wipeout or fall? Share the story with your group and don't be afraid to laugh at yourself. We all stumble!
- 2) Read Psalm 51 out loud for the whole group. Does your Bible tell you the context of David's song? Check out the back-story in 2 Samuel 12. How does the back-story change the way you read the psalm?
- 3) Do you believe that unresolved human issues can block our relationship with God? Why or why not?
- 4) Review the section "How do I deal with the hurt?" in the outline. Which of these is the toughest for you?
- 5) What is God asking you to do with this week's teaching? When will you be obedient?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?