



Part 1: Making it Right

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Psalm 51:1-12

- 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 you are right in your verdict and
justified when you judge.
- ⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother
conceived me.

- ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;
you taught me wisdom in that secret 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.

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

²³ "Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ 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

(Continues on back)

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. – *Psalms 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?