

Experiencing God: Confession

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Psalm 51 and have each person reflect on what part jumped out to them the most and why.

1. Comment on the video clip: "The Power of Confession." Have you ever heard of death-bed confessions? Why did the person wait so long to get free of their guilt when God has provided us a tool to be set free from sin and guilt?
2. Make a list of people you know had a similar fall to that of David's. What did they fall to, what were the consequences, and did they ever experience restoration? If so, what happened that enabled them to recover from such a devastating experience?
3. Whatever happened to "Confession and the Assurance of Pardon" within church liturgies? Is this a unhealthy development or a healthy one?
4. We've talked about clearing our conscience by confessing our faults to another person (James 5:16) in previous message but there are other forms confessing to a person can take:
 - Apologizing to someone you wronged.
 - Confronting someone you've discovered is trapped in a sin or is hiding a sin.
 - Confronting a person who wronged you.

Share a time when you either had to apologize for an offense or for something you failed to (Like Christian who abandoned his family) and what the experience was like.

5. Have you ever thought about Bathsheba's role in David's fall into sexual sin? What did she do that contributed to David's fall, why didn't David blame Bathsheba for her role in his fall? Why is the focus only on David and his actions? Is Bathsheba "fair game?"
6. Read verse one and reflect on its message. What comfort and what confidence does it give you to come to God in confession?

*"Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;" (vs 1)*

7. What role does desire play in our restoration to God and others?

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8. Grace may be free but it's not cheap. What has extending God's grace to others cost you?
9. Comment on the phrase that captures the message well: "I'm not worthy but thank God I still belong." Is that what you were taught regarding the Christian life, sin, and grace?