

Experiencing God: Confession

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OUTLINE

Video Clip: The Power of Confession

What Sin & Confession Does

David's Story

David's Confession

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.*

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- 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. PSALM 51:1-12

I. SOME TIMES IT TAKES ANOTHER PERSON

*For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me. (vs. 3)*

"Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so God can heal you. When a believing person prays, great things happen." James 5:16

"If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently." Galatians 6:1

II. RECOGNIZE & OWN UP TO YOUR SIN

Verses 1-4

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What David Does Not Do

III. RECOGNIZE THAT ONLY GOD CAN RESTORE YOU!

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation" (vs. 12)

*"blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin."
(vs. 1-2)*

"restore to my the joy of your salvation." (vs. 12)

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

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"and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me." (vs. 12)

IV. PRAY FOR DESIRE

V. CONFESSION: WHAT TO SAY

"Then David confessed to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the Lord.' Nathan replied, "Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you." 2 SAMUAL 12:13

The Prayer of the Prodigal Son: *"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."*
(Luke 15:21)

The Prayer of the Tax-Collector: *"God, have mercy on me, a sinner."* (Luke 18:13)

The Prayer of David: *"Have mercy on me, O God." (Vs. 1)"*

Free Grace

"I'm not worthy, but thank God I still belong."