

August 29/30
RAISE YOUR VOICE
(Speaking Vertically in a Volume-obsessed World)
Forgive Me
Psalm 51:1-19
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(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)

Confession allows us to **experience** God's **forgiveness** and move toward **wholeness**.

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

Confession is a platform to be honest and a pathway to come home.

Recognition

... blot out my **transgressions**.

² Wash me thoroughly from my **iniquity**,
and cleanse me from my **sin!** (Psalm 51:1b-2)

Responsibility

... blot out **my** transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from **my** iniquity,
and cleanse me from **my** sin! (Psalm 51:1b-2)

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.** (Psalm 51:4)

Remorse

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

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. (Psalm 51:10)

¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me. (Psalm 51:11)

Repentance

¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will **return to you**. (Psalm 51:13)

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent** and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:14-15)

Restoration

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean. (Psalm 51:6b)

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16)

²² Take a bunch of hyssop and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and touch the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. (Exodus 12:22)

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. (Psalm 51:16-17)

¹⁴ Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, 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. (Psalm 51:14-15)

When sin is honestly **confessed**, grace can be fully **celebrated!**