

The Thread

WEEK 16 - DEVOTION 4

"Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." - Psalm 51:12

Have you ever gotten lost? When you are little, the solution is always the same. STAY WHERE YOU ARE and call someone to find you. This is because we often make matters worse when we take them into our own hands. That is certainly what David did in his sin. That is, until he realized that his only choice was to stop and cry for God to meet him where he was.

Read Psalm 51. This psalm reveals one of the most beautiful pictures of the Gospel found in Scripture. After being chosen by God and becoming king, David made some pretty big mistakes. When the prophet Nathan confronts him about his actions regarding Bathsheba, David's eyes are open to the seriousness of his sin.

Notice that David doesn't just confess His sin to God and ask for forgiveness. In verse 3-5, he makes it clear that he knows he is deserving of God's judgment. But in verses 6-12, we see the Gospel unfold. David proclaims with certainty that God not only uses our sin to teach us, but that He has the power to remove it from us completely. God sees our sin. Yet when we confess our failures to Him, He removes that sin. That is the joy of our salvation!

Our joy is in remembering what God has taken from us, and sharing His mercy with others. There is no ritual or secret trick to receiving God's salvation, just a sincere heart that genuinely turns to God as its only hope! Just like a lost child, when we find ourselves in sin, we must cry out to our Heavenly Father, and rejoice that only He can make us clean.

Something to think about . . .

- Can you think of any areas of your life where you need to cry out to God and confess sin?
- When was the last time you rejoiced in your salvation? What are you waiting for?