



Worth The Risk:

Prayers That Change Us



1) Forgiveness Begins With God's Mercy


Psalm 51:1-2

**Have mercy on me, O God,
because of your unfailing love.
Because of your great compassion,
blot out the stain of my sins.
Wash me clean from my guilt.
Purify me from my sin.**






**Forgive
Me**



**We approach God
for forgiveness
because of who He
is, not because of
who we are.**



Romans 3:22-26

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin.

Romans 3:22-26

People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

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1 John 1:5-7 - This is the message we heard from Jesus and now declare to you: God is light, and there is no darkness in him at all. So we are lying if we say we have fellowship with God but go on living in spiritual darkness; we are not practicing the truth. But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

2) Forgiveness Requires Honest Confession



1 John 1:8-10 - If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.



**Revival begins when
pretense ends.**



Pretense: An attempt to make something that is not the case appear true; a claim, especially a false or ambitious one.

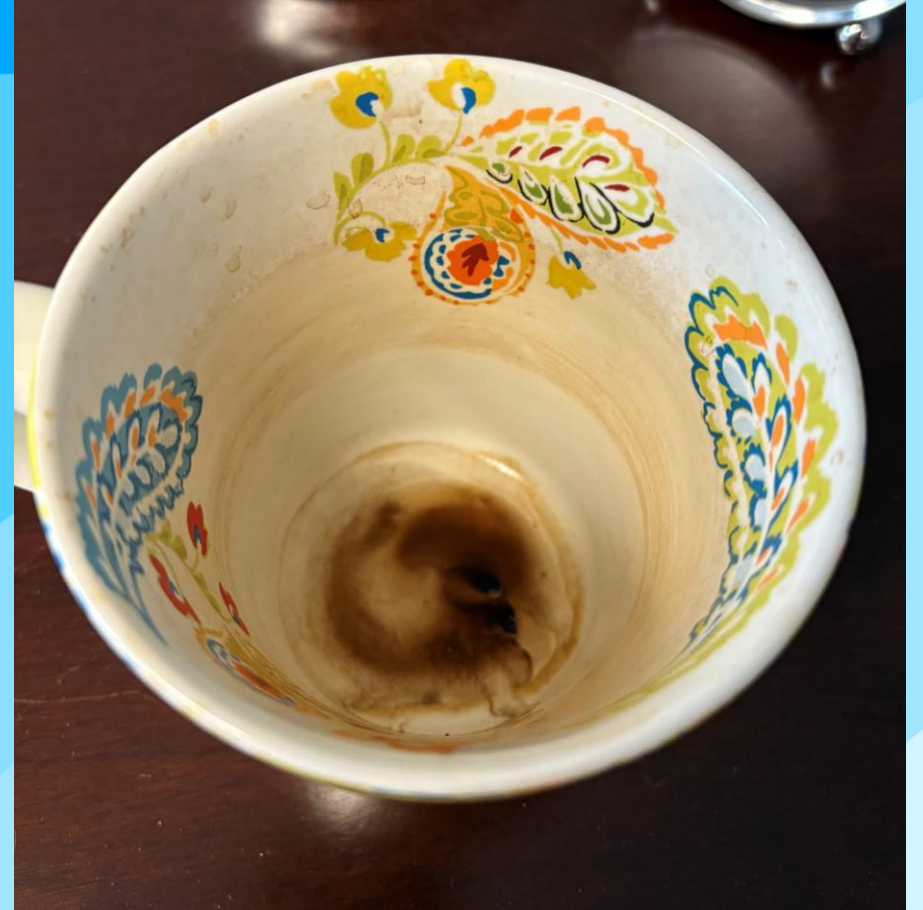
Matthew 23:25-26

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too.

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3) Forgiveness Cleanses, Heals, Then Restores.

Psalm 51:7

**Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**



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“De-Sin” me

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Psalm 51:8

**Oh, give me back my joy again;
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.****

****NASB: Let the bones You have broken
rejoice**

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Psalm 51:9

**Don't keep looking at my sins.
Remove the stain of my guilt.**

-Forgiveness leads to reconciliation

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Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.


same word used in **Genesis 1:1** and
implies something David cannot do for
himself – only God can do this.



**Forgive
Me**



**God doesn't just
pardon us, He
rebuilds us!**



4) Forgiveness Leads to Empowerment & Infilling



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Psalm 51:11-12

**Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and make me willing to obey you.**



**Forgiveness resets
our hearts.**



John 7:37-39

“Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’” (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him...)

Psalm 23:5-6

**My cup overflows with blessings.
Surely your goodness and unfailing love will
pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the Lord
forever.**