

# Summer IN THE PSALMS

## God's Forgiveness Psalm 51

1. Make our appeal to the merciful God
2. Own our guilt and our need for transformation
3. Go live out our gratitude by encouraging others

**Spiritual Practice:** For a fresh start with God, set aside an hour sometime this week to humbly pray through Psalm 51. Then rejoice in the freedom of God's forgiveness.

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# MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. When you have committed a sin, how do you think God views you? Why do you think you have this concept of God?
2. Read over the story of David's sin and God's judgement/forgiveness in 2 Samuel 11-12. Now read 1 Kings 15:5. What are your thoughts about David and about God from this section of the Bible?
3. David asks for both forgiveness and the power to change. See Psalm 51:7-12. What are some of the obstacles that keep you from dealing with sin in your life and seeking forgiveness and the power to change?
4. Why is it so important to get involved in restoring people (v. 13), leading out in worship (v. 14-17), and building up the church (v. 18-19) to both embrace God's forgiveness and to keep you from lapsing back into sin?

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## Memory Verse

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”

Psalm 51:1-2