What Do I Do When I Do Wrong

Tim King · Psalm 51:1–17

INTRODUCTION

- So the goal tonight is simply this that whenever we sin we can honestly return to God.
- These things might help someone avoid being found out for a little while, but not a single one of those things on the screen is going to make you right with God.
- Notice how David stops hiding and brings his heart honestly before God.

1 We Tell the Truth

Psalm 51:1–4; Genesis 3

- Have mercy on me, oh God, according to your steadfast love, according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
- Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
- But our good deeds don't make the wrong disappear no matter how much we do. So, we need to bring the wrong to God.
- For I know my transgression, and my sin is ever before me against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
- We honestly admit our sin because God knows what happened. And that confession is whenever we stop hiding and come to agree with him about it.

2 What Christians Are to Do: Confess Our Sins

1 John 1:8–9

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- You come clean, take responsibility, you confess it, and you recognize he, that's God, that's Jesus, the blood of Christ, has done this.
- And all of this rests on the fact that God is faithful. His love is steadfast. And his mercy is unending.

3 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Psalm 51:10–12; 1 John 1:7

- Create in me a clean heart, oh God. And renew a right spirit within me.
- Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with the willing spirit.
- He needs forgiveness and he wants to become willing to do what pleases God.
- And the blood of Jesus his son cleanses us from all sin. So what cleanses us? His blood.

- What we learn and what we need is that the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ provides everything.

4 Looking Forward to a Restored Life

Psalm 51:13; Psalm 51:15

- Then I will teach transgressors your ways and sinners will return to you.
- God restores. God brings life where there is death. So, he's going to teach others God's ways.
- Oh Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise.
- If our wrong hurt somebody, we need to take responsibility for that.
- But we can begin doing what's right now. And it starts by what we're seeing here with being honest.

5 We Can Come to God with Honesty

Psalm 51:17; James 5:16

- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. Oh God, you will not despise.
- Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another.
- The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.
- It does mean that we shouldn't have pride being the very thing that keeps us from seeking help.

THE CHALLENGE

I challenge you to live a life that pleases him with a heart that becomes more inclined to honesty and confession and seeking someone who can help you.

MY NOTES