

Weakness: Embracing Brokenness

Psalm 51; 32. 2 Samuel
11; 12

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I. A Prideful Heart leads to sin and destruction (now/later) but a broken heart reveals humility which leads to confession.

3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

—Psalm 51:3

II. A Prideful Heart says I can live without God (I've got this), but a broken heart leads to a longing and a need for God.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

—Psalm 51:8

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. 11 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

—Psalm 51:10-12

III. A Prideful Heart desires to lead others for their own glory, but a broken heart desires to lead others to God and His glory.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.

—Psalm 51:13

Study Questions

1. 2 Samuel 11-12 describes a Godly confrontation that led to David confessing his sin and eventually making his relationship with God right again. Have you ever had someone care enough to confront you, or have you had to confront someone yourself? If so, would you be willing to share the good that it did?

2. In Psalm 51 we see 3 things that brought about good. A). David's confession of sin. B). The longing for his relationship with God to be righted. C). And the fruit of repentance. See if your group can use the verses of Psalm 51 that go into those 3 categories.

3. Nathan played a huge role in David's life, but it required a huge risk in doing so. Discuss what regrets (if any) you had if someone would have done that for you, or you had been a Nathan in another person's life and done that for them. Is there a need for that in your life/in another one presently (without naming names of course)?

4. What difference do you think Christianity here in the States would look like if we cared enough to confront one another like this? Read James 5:16 and Galatians 6:1-3; 7-10.

5. Can you agree to do your best to be a Nathan/have Nathan's in each other's life so that you can keep your relationship with God as good as possible and make a difference in those far from God to find God as a result?