



## **Week #7 - Song of Confession**

*Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love!  
Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!  
Wash me completely clean of my guilt;  
purify me from my sin!  
Because I know my wrongdoings,  
my sin is always right in front of me.  
I've sinned against you—you alone.  
I've committed evil in your sight.  
That's why you are justified when you render your verdict,  
completely correct when you issue your judgment.  
Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin,  
from the moment my mother conceived me.  
And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places;  
you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.*

*Create a clean heart for me, God;  
put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!  
Please don't throw me out of your presence;  
please don't take your holy spirit away from me.  
Return the joy of your salvation to me  
and sustain me with a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach wrongdoers your ways,  
and sinners will come back to you.  
Psalm 51:1-6, 10-13 (CEB)*

**Big Idea:** How do I experience God's forgiveness in spite of past mistakes?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for my poor choices.

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Psalm 51:4 (CEB)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's mercy and forgiveness.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*  
1 John 1:9 (KJV)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's amazing grace and forgive myself.

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*So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus.*  
Romans 8:1 (NLT)

4. \_\_\_\_\_ those who've hurt me.

*"If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins."*  
Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ the future with faith.

### Discussion Questions

1. Like King David, have you ever just kept quiet about a mistake or sin? How did that affect your life?
2. Are you able to accept that all your sins or mistakes have been forgiven?
3. If not, what do you think holds you back from accepting God's forgiveness?
4. Our righteousness before Him is based on His promises, not on ours. What are one or two of the promises of God that encourage you despite past mistakes?

**Recommended Resources**

- *David the Great*, by Mark Rutland
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1. **Honestly accept** responsibility for my poor choices.

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