



january 22

A Prayer for Pardon & the Joy of Forgiveness psalms 32 & 51

worship in the psalms

monday

Read 2 Samuel 11-12

These chapters in 2 Samuel describe the context in which Psalms 32 and 51 were written. They describe stages in an ongoing story.

How do you find yourself relating to the progressive situations in David's life?

tuesday

Read Psalm 32:1-7

Acknowledge your sin to God.

Read Psalm 32:8-11 (Hear God's response to your confession.)

wednesday

"One of the frequently misunderstood features of the gospel by outsiders—maybe the most frequently misunderstood—is this: that a confession of sin isn't a groveling admission that I am a terrible person; it doesn't require what's sometimes described as, 'beating yourself up.' Insiders to the gospel know that sentence: "I have sinned against the Lord" is a sentence full of hope. It is full of hope because it is full of God."
- Eugene Peterson, *Leap Over a Wall*

God's forgiveness is joy; our sin is sad, petty, and boring.

Brothers and Sisters: Believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

thursday

Read Psalm 51

Read this psalm repeatedly until the expectation and hope with which David wrote these words becomes your own expectations and hope in God.

friday

David uses the following verbs in Psalm 51 to describe what God does for us when he forgives us. Reflect on the wonder of what God has done for you.

Have Mercy	Blot Out	Wash	<i>Cleanse</i>
Desire	Teach	Purge	wash
Create	Put (a new and right spirit)	Do Not Cast	<i>Do Not Take</i>
Restore	Sustain	Deliver	Open (my lips)
<i>Do Good</i>	Rebuild	You Will Delight	