

FINISH WELL, WALK BY THE SPIRIT

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Walking by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16) involves a constant awareness of God's presence and a moment by moment surrendering to the Holy Spirit's power to overcome our sinful desires. Unfortunately, many Christians are living defeated lives because they rely on their own strength. They stumble into temptation and give in to sin, hindering the sanctifying work of God in their lives. How then can we recover from moral failures and not be paralyzed by sin? We can learn three lessons from David's life:

DEPENDENCE

David began his journey strong. As a young man, David fearlessly confronted the giant Goliath, placing his trust in God and acknowledging that the battle belonged to the Lord (1 Samuel 17:45-47). David faced the challenge of King Saul's threats, but he consistently sought God's counsel (1 Samuel 23:2,4). Even when he had the opportunity to kill Saul, he refused to harm him because Saul was God's anointed (1 Samuel 24:5-6). David held God in such high regard that he extended that respect to anyone anointed by God as king. David chose to rely and depend on God's plan and power for his life.

However, when David finally became king, he gradually became complacent and self-sufficient. While idling in his palace while his men were at war, David succumbed to temptation and committed adultery with Bathsheba the wife of Uriah, one of David's loyal soldiers (2 Samuel 11:4-5). Despite this knowledge, David chose to give in to temptation, resulting in Bathsheba's pregnancy (2 Samuel 11:4-5). Consequently, David had to engage in deceitful schemes to cover up his sin and avoid its discovery. This grave sin of David was considered "evil in the sight of the Lord" (2 Samuel 11:27) and caused severe consequences in his life and family.

REPENTANCE

When the Lord sent Nathan to confront David about his sin (2 Samuel 12), David was faced with the reality of his wickedness. He immediately confessed his sin and did not attempt to hide or justify his actions (2 Samuel 12:13-14). In Psalm 51:1-3, David poured out his heart, appealing to God's abundant grace, unfailing love, and deep compassion. He fully admitted and took complete responsibility for his mistakes. David openly acknowledged that he had committed evil and accepted that he deserved the consequences of his sins (Psalm 51:4). He recognized that his disobedience was a direct affront to God's commandments and a betrayal of His holy name.

True repentance, as demonstrated by David, goes beyond mere words of remorse. It entails a transformation of the mind, heart, and behavior, leading to a new direction of wholeheartedly following Jesus instead of selfish desires. Repentance is not a one-time event but an ongoing attitude and posture of the heart. As believers, we are called to continually repent, allowing the Holy Spirit to convict us of any wrongdoing. It is through this ongoing repentance that we experience spiritual growth and intimacy with God.

WORSHIP

Worship is our proper response to who God is and what He has done, what He continues to do in us, through us, and for us. If we have been forgiven, by God's grace, we will choose to worship, please, and honor God. Psalm 51 outlines David's prayer which shows how he understood his need of a clean heart and a renewed, steadfast spirit. He asked for restoration of joy and sustenance of spirit and chose to worship Him with a broken spirit and a contrite heart. In our brokenness and humility, we can approach God's grace and as we worship Him from the heart, He will empower us to continue living a life pleasing to Him!

At the end of David's life, God described him as a man after His heart (Acts 19:22) and one who had served the purpose of God in his generation (Acts 19:36). May we always choose to go after God's heart, to do His will, and by His grace, power, and Spirit, FINISH WELL!

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

For you do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it;
You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a
broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

PSALM 51:16-17

DISCUSS THIS MESSAGE

How do you know if you are dependent on God? What distinct things are you doing as you depend on God?

What step/s in repentance do you find the hardest to do?

What does it mean for you to worship and surrender to God?

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

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

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Book 1: One by One

Book 3: The Holy Spirit

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13



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