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The Bridge Bible Fellowship – outdoor evening service

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Psalm 51

“David: A Model of Humble Confession, Repentance and Restoration”

Psalm 51 (NLT) – *For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Nathan the prophet came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.*

I. Humility & Confession (vv. 1-9)

A. I Have Sinned (vv. 1-4) – ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, **blot out** the stain of my sins. ² **Wash** me clean from my guilt. **Purify** me from my sin. ³ For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. ⁴ Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just.

B. I Am a Sinner (vv. 5-9) – ⁵ For I was born a sinner— yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. ⁶ But you desire honesty from the womb [heart; innermost parts], teaching me wisdom even there. ⁷ Purify me from my sins, and I will be **clean**; **wash** me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice. ⁹ Don't keep looking at my sins. **Remove** the stain of my guilt.

II. Repentance & Restoration (vv. 10-13) – ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. ¹³ Then I will teach your ways to rebels, and they will return to you.

III. Praise (vv. 14-17) – ¹⁴ Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. ¹⁵ Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you. ¹⁶ You do not desire a sacrifice, or I would offer one. You do not want a burnt offering. ¹⁷ The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

IV. Intercession (vv. 18-19) – ¹⁸ Look with favor on Zion and help her; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then you will be pleased with sacrifices offered in the right spirit— with burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings. Then bulls will again be sacrificed on your altar.