

Hope for the Prodigal Notes

Psalm 51

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The Basement of Our Hearts

1. This is the place where we bury the _____ of ourselves.
2. The basement of our hearts is full of those _____ that we never want exposed.
3. It is where we place the things that _____ too much to deal with.
4. We _____ what people would think of us and what they would say about us.
5. We try to place on display the parts of our lives for others to see that we think are _____ and inviting.

Prodigals

1. People have walked away from God as far back as the _____ of Eden.
2. Adam and Eve walked away from God and their Father was _____.
3. _____ for the prodigals. Bring encouragement where encouragement is needed and conviction where conviction is needed, hope and comfort.

David the Prodigal Came Home

1. David the once great and conquering king of Israel is a lying, scheming, conniving, backstabbing, murdering, _____.
2. Through the help of a trusted friend, David recognized his need to plead with God for _____ (2 Samuel 11-12).
3. One sin _____ into another and into another until David lost himself.
4. How quickly David's downfall, when he took his _____ off of God.
5. "The thing that David had done _____ the Lord" (2 Samuel 11:27).
6. God saw David's actions as _____.
7. David had been distracted with the things that the _____ was luring him with.
8. God met David right where he _____ at.
9. God sent the prophet Nathan to him with a parable.
10. From this parable, David realized his sin and he instantly _____ up to the life he had been living.
11. There is hope of _____, and there is hope that God will use even our failures for His glory.
12. If God can bring David back from all of this, there is _____.

How do we Fix Our Eyes Solely on Christ?

1. Have a right _____ of who God is (vs. 1-2)
 - Without a right knowledge of God, David instead may think he is just _____.
 - Or David, David could start to work really hard trying to do enough good deeds to _____ the bad.
 - David knows that God loves him with a _____ love.
 - This steadfast love refers to God's enduring and faithful love, rooted in a covenant _____.
 - David acknowledged all he could do in this moment was throw himself before God and acknowledge his desperate _____ for God to do what only God can do.

- Our prodigals often have a head knowledge that God is full of abundant mercy and grace, but their feelings of guilt and shame lie to them telling them they are not worthy of being redeemed (Colossians 2:6-7).

2. Repentance (vs. 3-6).

- Repentance is a change of _____, so we turn from sin and turn to Christ.
- This means you can't repent and expect your life to continue to look the same. Something has to _____ (Matthew 6:24).
- He confessed his sin, his transgressions, and his iniquity.
 - Sin means to _____ the mark.
 - Transgress is to choose to _____ disobey.
 - Iniquity refers to a _____ choice, to commit iniquity is to continue without repentance.
- David is placing God as the rightful Lord of his life.

3. Restoration (vs. 7-12).

- Hyssop is an evergreen plant that is classified as a garden herb and was used in various _____ ceremonies.
- When David calls God to "purge me with hyssop" it gives this meaning of an abrupt or violent _____ of the sin within, with the purpose of purifying.
- It is about an internal and spiritual _____ that only God can do.
- Prodigals won't come home until they are _____.
- We can't _____ them back, or shame them back.
- We can't _____ them back too early.
- _____ is the only one capable of giving them a renewed heart and a right spirit.
- David's greatest fear was that God would cast him away and that God would take his spirit off of David.
- What is our lane?
 - Live your life as an _____ of someone passionately following Jesus.
 - Check your own _____.
 - Be _____ to the people in your circle of influence and their faith.
 - Create an environment where it is tough for a prodigal to leave, and it is _____ for them to come home.
 - Trust that God is _____ on the prodigal's heart.
 - _____ is redeemable (Philippians 1:6).

4. Rejoice

- To rejoice is to find joy in who God _____.
- The original Hebrew for worship means to _____ down, to fall flat, to be prostrate, to be reverent.
- David chose for this story of his downfall to be sung as _____ within the temple.
- David wants to show others that God can redeem even the most _____.
- You don't know how good God's grace is until you know the depth of your _____.