

Getting Started

Read 2 Samuel 11-12 for the back story to Psalm 51 regarding the story of David, Bathsheba and Nathan. Discuss how King David demonstrated the characteristics of both kinds of people in the chart below.

Proud People	Broke People
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Compare ourselves with others and feel like we should be honored- Focus on the failures of others- Living lives for the benefit of ourselves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Compare ourselves with God and find ourselves in need of His mercy- Overwhelmed with a sense of our own spiritual need.- Living for the benefit of others

Key verse for the Broke Series:

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. (Psalm 51:17)

Discussion

- Read Psalm 51 and summarize the attitude of David's heart and some of the attributes of God that he was trusting in as he confessed his sin.
- Take a moment to pray Psalm 51 in your own life (1 John 1:9) confessing and known sin and claiming God's promise of forgiveness and ongoing cleansing.
- Read 2 Samuel 24.
 - Why did God consider David's counting of his troops a sin?
 - Summarize in your own words what David meant when he said, "I will not sacrifice that which costs me nothing".
 - The site of Araunah's threshing floor where David build and altar and worshipped God was Mount Moriah. This would be the same location that Solomon would build the Temple (2 Chronicles 3:1-2). It was also the same location where Abraham and Isaac went to worship God and experienced the truth that God was their Provider (Genesis 22).

Is this just a coincidence or do you think God is communicating something to us about the essence of true worship? Consider what Jesus stated in Matthew 15:8-9 and John 4:20-24 and discuss what is required to worship God in spirit and truth.

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men."

The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

- What did it mean that David was a man after God's heart (Acts 13:22-23)? In what ways would you like your worship of God to mature in the coming year?

Prayer

Psalm 86 is listed as a "Prayer of David". As you close your time together, pray through this Psalm and spend time praising and thanking God for who He is and all He has done using the words of David as a guide. Agree with David as you pray for the same things he asks of the Lord as you rely on the Holy Spirit and God's grace to conform you into the likeness of His Son. Confess those areas in your life where pride has slipped in and your need for brokenness before the Lord.

Holiness, holiness
Is what I long for
Holiness is what I need
Holiness, holiness
Is what You want from me

Faithfulness, faithfulness
Is what I long for
Faithfulness is what I need
Faithfulness, faithfulness
Is what You want from me

So take my heart and form it
Take my mind transform it
Take my will conform it
To Yours, to Yours, oh Lord

Brokenness, brokenness
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