

## New Every Morning – Responding to God’s Mercy

Psalm 51:3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Psalm 51:1-2 “Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.”

- Transgressions means to “revolt” or “rebel.”
- Iniquity means something crooked, twisted, or perverted.
- Sin means missing God’s standard.

- The word repent means to \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 51:10-13 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. 13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.

As we respond to God’s mercy, several things will be true about us. We have a...

### 1. A hunger for \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

- Clean Heart – \_\_\_\_\_  
Proverbs 4:23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it *flow* the springs of life.

- Steadfast spirit – \_\_\_\_\_ resolve.  
2 Timothy 3:1-5 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. 2 For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, 4 treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

### 2. A longing for God’s \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 51:11 Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

- Sin \_\_\_\_\_ us from God, which is why we need the cross.

- Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- Ephesians 1:7 “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespass, according to the riches of His grace.

- **Sin hinders our \_\_\_\_\_ with God, which is why we need repentance.**

James 4:8-10 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

- **Sin \_\_\_\_\_ our witness for Christ, which is why we need the Holy Spirit.**

Galatians 5:17 says the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit of God.

### 3. A yearning for \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 51:12 “Restore to me...”

Psalm 51:8 “Make me to hear joy and gladness, let the bones which You have broken rejoice.”

Psalm 51:12 “Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit.”

Philippians 2:13 It is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

### 4. A desire for \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 51:13 *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, and sinners will be converted to You.

Psalm 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; in Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

#### Reflection:

- As you reflect upon God’s mercy, what is your response to sin revealed in your life?
- Of the four responses mentioned today, which one is the strongest to you?
- Which one would be the greatest expression of God’s mercy at this point in your life?