

Sept 19th, 9am Adult Formation
Sin and Consequences

Opening Question

What was your sit-in-the corner, mouth-washed-out-with-soap, wait-until-your-father-gets-home moment? What happened after?

Psalm 51 (partial)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Wash away all my iniquity

and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,

and my sin is always before me.

Against you, you only, have I sinned

and done what is evil in your sight.

so, you are right in your verdict

and justified when you judge.

Psalm 51 was part of David responses to Nathan's challenge. Nathan was a prophet who skillfully called the King on the carpet, by way of a parable. It was an open secret that David took a woman into his bed, had her husband killed and kept pretending like nothing happened. So, Nathan told David a bedtime story (2 Samuel 12)

He says to David, "there once was a rich man and poor man." A traveler was being hosted by the rich man. The rich man took only lamb that a poor man possessed, instead of taking a lamb from his own large flock. Nathan closes with, "So... David what should happen to the rich man?" David said that anyone in his kingdom doing such an unfair thing should be put to death. And only then did Nathan deliver the knockout shot. He tells David, "Bruh, that rich is guy is you." And David crumbled and wrote Psalm 51 in response later.

- What questions come to mind?
- Thoughts positive, negative, neutral.

Was he bargaining with God?

Metanoia

The Greek word metanoia is used to indicate true repentance and to get outside your mind so that you can turn around.

What is repentance? We will discuss:

- Guilt/Shame,
- Mercy/Blame
- Turning/Wallowing

Consequence

David was truly repentant of his sin, but the consequence of his act was a life of constant turmoil for the rest of his days.