

Restore to Me the Joy of Your Salvation — Lent #1
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1. Cry out for MERCY & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 51:1-3 ^(NLT) 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.

- Our sin is very serious to God (vs. 1-2)

- Admit I am guilty (vs. 3)

2. Confess your true SINFUL CONDITION

Vs. 4-6 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. ⁵ For I was born a sinner —yes, from the moment my mother conceived me. ⁶ But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there.

- Confess that my sin is against God (vs. 4a)

- Confess that God's judgement is just (vs. 4b)

- Confess that I have a depraved, sinful nature (vs. 5)

3. Call on the Lord for RESTORATION & RENEWAL

Vs. 7-12 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. 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.

- Acknowledge that only God can cleanse me (vs. 7)
- Ask God to restore the joy & relationship with Him (vs. 8-9)
- Ask God to renew my heart & intimacy with Him (vs. 10-12)