

Message Notes

Falling Upward – Psalm 51

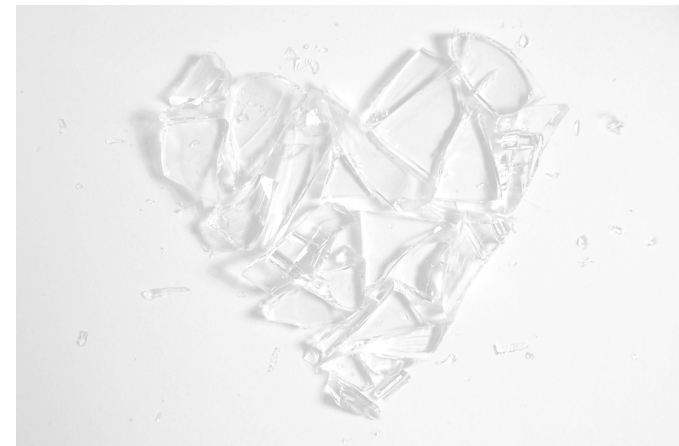
13. What is the core meaning of sacrifice according to these verses?

14. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

Making It Personal



1. Have you ever been broken like David and asked God to forgive and restore you? If not, why have you resisted?
2. How has this study helped you in understanding the nature of God and how he wants to be involved in your healing?
3. What changes do you need to make that would be the most helpful to you in your walk with Christ?



Sermon Notes

Coming Next Week

Next week's message will look at the Bible's teaching on "darkness." The life of Jesus was depicted as a light that would fight against it. Next week is Palm Sunday so please join us as we celebrate the coming of Jesus.

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This Week's Message

There are moments when we've fallen and it's difficult to get back up. We can feel hopeless in moving forward and convince ourselves that it's never going to get better. We can become so overwhelmed by our brokenness that we can even feel that life is no longer worth the effort. In this message we look intimately into the life of David, a man who experienced a serious fall, but also learned what it takes to get back up.

Life Group Study Notes



This following study is based on Psalm 51

1. As a review, what is the "theme" statement for this sermon series?
2. What is the context of Psalm 51 and why is it important for understanding this psalm?
3. What is the significance of this psalm being written by David? What does it tell you about the kind of king he was?
4. In the message the Psalm was presented in three stages. What were the three points in each?
 - a. _____(vs. 1-6)
 - b. _____(vs. 7-12)
 - c. _____(vs. 13-19)

5. **Looking at verses 1-7:** How does David understand the character of God?
6. Because of David's understanding of God, his plea is filled with expectations. Why is this important for David at a time like this?
7. How do these verses understand the nature of sin and where it originates?
8. **Looking at verses 7-12:** What has David's sin taken away from him that he wants restored?
9. Verse 11 is important because it mentions the Holy Spirit in an Old Testament text. What role does the Spirit of God have in the renewal that David is seeking?
10. How do we understand "repentance" and "confession", based on these verses (1-12)?
11. **Looking at verses 13-19:** What is David anticipating when he is cleansed and forgiven by God? In other words, what will David's response be?
12. What, then, do verses 13-15 teach us about our testimony and witnessing?