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Message Series  
"Dear God"

**"Dear God: Will You Forgive Me?"**

**Psalm 51**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. <sup>5</sup>Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. <sup>6</sup>Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. <sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. <sup>13</sup>Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. <sup>14</sup>Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. <sup>15</sup>O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. <sup>16</sup>For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. <sup>18</sup>Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; <sup>19</sup>then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**The nature of the "imperative" request**

**Implied when asked of a superior:**

**Our big question:**

**Why we need to ask for forgiveness**

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**"Have mercy on me, O God..."**

*(Steps to re-new a right spirit and come clean spiritually)*

1. Re \_\_\_\_\_.

*"...according to your steadfast love...your abundant mercy..." (v. 1)*

2. Re \_\_\_\_\_.

*"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me..." (v. 3)*

*"I acknowledged my sin ...and I did not cover up my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin." (Psalm 32:5)*

3. Re \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!" (v. 3)*

*"Cleanse me...wash me...blot out all my iniquity." (vs. 7, 9)*

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me..." (v. 10)*

4. Re \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Then I will teach transgressors your ways...and my mouth will declare your praise." (vs. 13, 15)*

5. Re \_\_\_\_\_.

*"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (v. 17)*