

**YOUR PSALM\*** 

Psalm 51

Make the appeal:

vv. 1-2

God is gracious, compassionate, and <u>committed</u> to us.

Face the truth:

vv. 3-12

I'm guilty and need a <u>supernatural</u> remedy.

Forgiveness/cleansing

Power to change

Live the restoration:

vv. 13-19

Clean and empowered, I'm ready to contribute.

- Helping others to turn back
- Encouraging true worship
- Building up the community

**REALife Application** 

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1. When you have committed a sin, how do you feel God views you? Why do you think you have this concept of God?
- 2. Left to our own impulses do you think people are basically good or basically bad? Examine Ps. 51:5-6 and Romans 3:9-20. How do these verses shed light on this issue?
- 3. David asks God for both forgiveness and the power to change. See Ps. 51:7-12. What are some of the obstacles that keep you from dealing with your sins?
- 4. Is there an area in your life that needs to be dealt with? What are some practical ways you can make Psalm 51 your Psalm?

Memory Verse

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51:17

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