



# PSALMS

for every season

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## Ps. 51

*TURNING OUR BACKS*

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## *Context on Psalm 51*

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“These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!”

-1 Corinthians 10:11-12

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- "You are the man." was the phrase that crushed David.
- Out of that crushing came Psalm 51.

# *Psalm 51*

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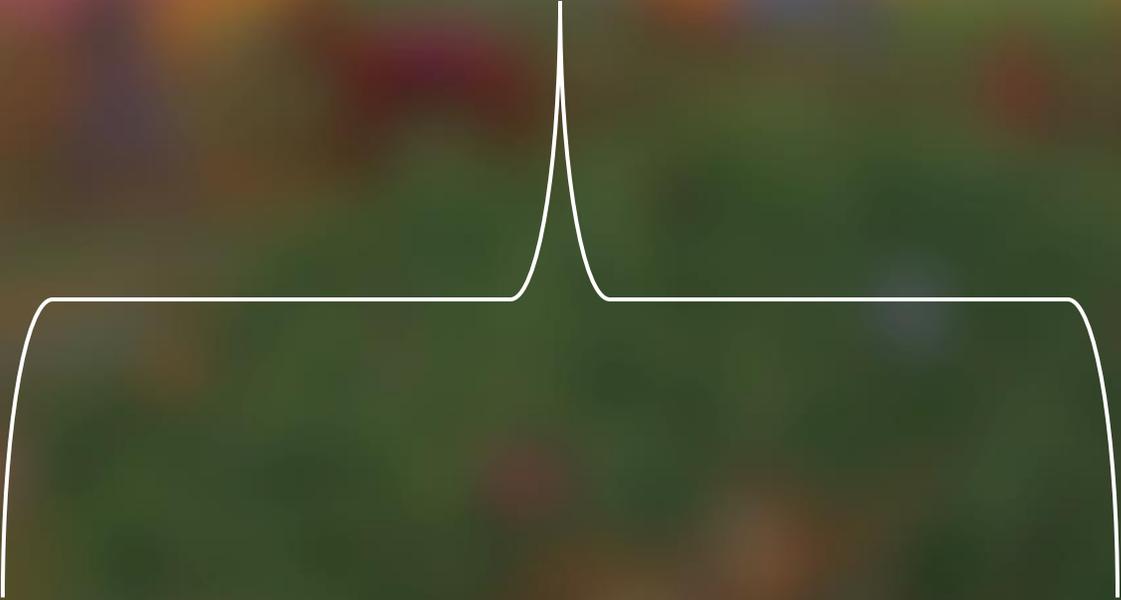
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- Reflection:
  - What sin have you been excusing rather than confessing?
  - Is God trying to get your attention through a “Nathan” in your life?

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God's Rebuke



Rebellion

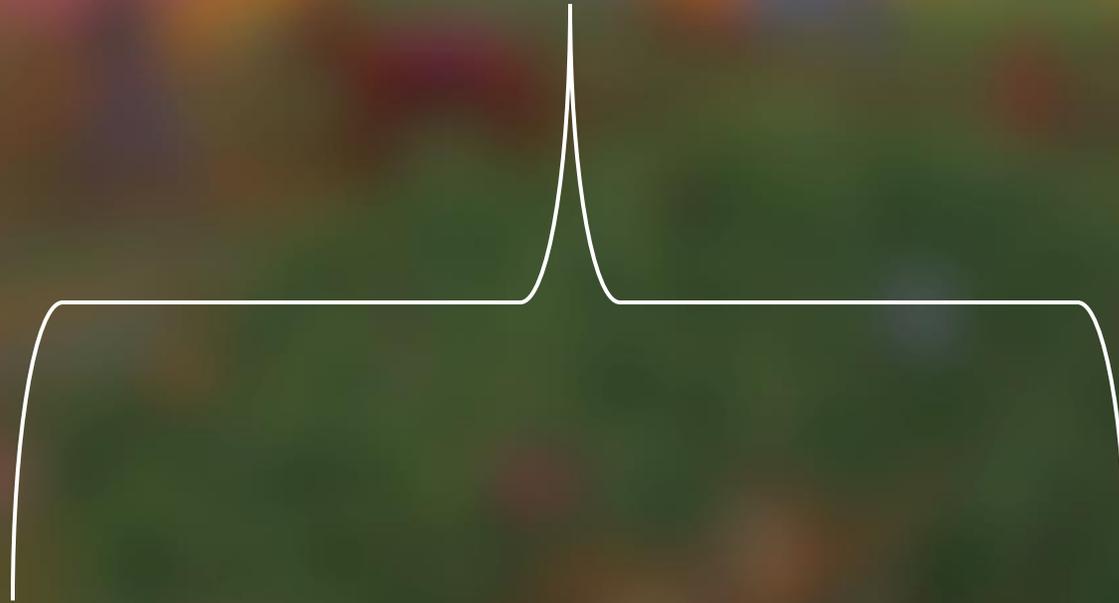
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Repentance



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  - When you sin, do you seek to manage the guilt or to be cleansed?
  - Have you allowed God to create something new in your heart—or are you just trying to patch up the old?

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- Reflection:
- Do you have the joy of your salvation today?

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- Reflection:
- Are you letting God refine you through this season of correction?

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- Reflection:
- How is God calling you to respond to His mercy?

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