

Simple Church Series Part 5

How to be a Comeback Kid! Psalm 51

Devil is our **Tempter!** “It’s okay to sin everybody does it--- you can get away with it!” **THEN...**
Devil becomes our **Accuser!** “You’ll never get away with it—You’ll never be forgiven of this!”

How to Come Back When You Are Down!

King David Committed Adultery, and at least Manslaughter! How did he come back from that?

¹Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love. Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins. ²Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin. ³For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. ⁴Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. Psalm 51:1-4

1. We Must See the Possibility of Sin in Ourselves!

³For I recognize my rebellion

⁸If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth..... ¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His word has no place in our hearts.....
But if anyone does sin,..... I John 1:8-2:1

Sin in the Believer is Sometimes an Unexpected Opportunity in an Undetected Weakness!

Sin does not mean you lose your SALVATION but it can and does cause Suffering!

2. We Must See the Product of Sin in Our Lives!

³.....it haunts me day and night.

> **Sin Stains our Soul** Wash me

*A test of a true believer Sheep want to get out of the mud! Pigs want to stay in the mud!

> **Sin Saturates our Mind** ³For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night.

If you only kick sin out the front door it will run around and climb back into a window.

*Another test of a true believer Godly sorrow vs. Worldly sorrow 2 Corinthians 7:10

> **Sin Stings our Conscience** ⁴Against... you alone, have I sinned; I have done... evil in your sight

*Another test of a true believer If all you worry about is the punishment you’re probably not saved!

> **Sin Saddens our Heart** ⁸..give me back my joy again;...now let me rejoice...

¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,.....

The most miserable person on earth is not a lost person but the **BACKSLIDDEN CHRISTIAN**

Happy is a thermometer--measures current conditions.

Joy is a thermostat --**CONTROLS** current conditions!

> **Sin Sickens our Body** ⁸you have broken me—

³⁰That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

I Corinthians 11:30

²²A cheerful heart is good medicine....

Proverbs 17:22

> **Sin Sours our Spirit** ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

Grumbling, complaining, fault-finding, criticism are NOT gifts of the Spirit!

> **Sin Seals our Lips** ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey You. ¹³Then I will teach Your ways to rebels, and they will return to You. ¹⁴Forgive me for shedding blood, O God who saves; then I will joyfully sing of your forgiveness. ¹⁵Unseal my lips, O Lord, that my mouth may praise you.

We quit singing and we quit sharing!

HOW TO COMEBACK?

THREE VERY SIMPLE WONDERFUL THINGS

We Must See the Possibility of Sin Forgiven in our Lives

1. Be Confident that God Still Loves Us! ¹Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

What can separate us from His Love ? **Nothing** separate us from Love of God. Romans 8

²⁰ *God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant.* Romans 5:20

2. Be Confessing our Sin! ⁴Against you, and you alone, have I sinned;done what is evil in your sight.

⁸ *If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. ¹⁰ If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that His word has no place in our hearts.* I John 1:8-10

¹ *My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. ² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.* I John 2:1-2

God doesn't accept alibis or excuses! Confession = agree with God

3. Be Cleansed from our Sin! ²Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.....⁷Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:2,7

>THE PENALTY OF SIN IS REMOVED

He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west. Psalm 103:12

>THE POLLUTION OF SIN IS CLEANSED

⁷ *..and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.* I John 1:7

>THE PURGING OF SIN IS ACCOMPLISHED

⁷ *Purge me with hyssop [Numbers 19:18], & I shall be clean; Wash me, & I shall be whiter than snow.* Psalm 51:7