

ROCK SOLID: The God of the Psalms

"God Our Restorer" Psalm 51

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This provides about one hour of focused reading and discussion following the points of Pastor Donny Abbott's message. Feel free to use the portions you find most helpful.

1. God is our restorer.

- Psalm 51 is David's song of lament in response to being confronted by the prophet Nathan (2 Samuel 12:7-9, 13). He cries out to God when he recognizes his great sin.

2. Confess your sin.

Before reading, listen to "If I Flee on Morning Wings."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACCiT-jgDmQ>

- Read Psalm 51:1-6 and Psalm 139:7-12.
 - What happens when you have been embarrassed or ashamed by your behavior?
- Read Psalms 19:12-13 and 139:23-24.
 - How do you cultivate the willingness to have God spotlight an area of sin—to welcome His conviction when you need it? If there is no willingness, what happens?
- Read James 5:16.
 - In what context is it healthy to be open about our struggles?

3. Forgiveness

- Read Psalm 51:7-12.
 - What verbs do you notice in verses 10-12?
- Read 1 John 1:5-10, 1 John 3:19-23, Ephesians 4:32, and Matthew 6:14.
 - What are some things you find challenging in these passages?

4. Compelled to tell others about the goodness of God...

- Read Psalm 51:13-19, 1 Corinthians 1:18, and 1 Peter 3:15-16.
- Share an example of God's restoration from your own life.

Close with John 3:16 and the theme-related song, "Restore to Me."

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZG01bG_Y5is

If you have a prayer need, ask a friend or two here to pray with you, and to support you in prayer this week.