

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. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. ⁵For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me.

⁶But you desire honesty from the womb, teaching me wisdom even there. ⁷Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice. ⁹Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. ¹¹Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you." – PSALM 51:1-12, NLT

When You've Blown It

"The Lord was displeased with what David had done."
– 2 Samuel 11:27, NLT

1. **CONFESS** it

"I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight." (vv. 3-4)

Getting back on track requires a change of **HEART**

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life." – Proverbs 4:23, NLT

"The heart of the problem is a problem of the heart."
– Author Unknown

2. **CONFRONT** it

"Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. You will be proved right in what you say, and your judgment against me is just. For I was born a sinner—yes, from the moment my mother conceived me." (vv. 4-5)

Getting back on track requires a change of **MIND**

We accept **RESPONSIBILITY**

We reject **BLAME** = the "second sin"

3. **CORRECT** it

"Purify me... wash me... remove the stain of my guilt... create in me a clean heart... renew a loyal spirit within me... restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you." (vv. 7-12)

Getting back on track requires a change of **DIRECTION**

"if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."
– 1 John 1:9, NLT

a. **RAMP UP** your time with God

"Do not banish me from your presence." (v. 11)

b. **TAP IN** to the Holy Spirit's power in your life

"Don't take your Holy Spirit from me." (v. 11)

c. **CHANGE UP** your choices

"Make me willing to obey you." (v. 12)

"God's power is not so limited as to only change what we do. He reaches into our very affections to change what we want, what we desire, what we love. And what we love leads what we do." – Josh Lavender