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Because God is loyal and faithful

Ps. 51:10-12 *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and renew a right spirit within me.*

The Hebrew word for *clean heart* is **tahovr lev** which means *a pure and undefiled soul or heart*. This Psalm was written by David after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba and had been confronted by the prophet Nathan. King David had broken the fellowship with his Heavenly Father. Notice, that the thing tarnished here is the fellowship but not the relationship. I'm sure we can all relate to times we have hurt people we love. We have let them down or maybe caused them to "pull away." David knew he had broken God's law and broken God's heart. The scripture calls the King a man after God's own heart. And, it is because of this, that David finally comes to grip with the terrible things he had done to let his great God down.

Before there can ever be a restoration, there must be repentance. We must be able to call our sin what it really is: rebellion against the God of Truth. But just as John put it in **1 John 1:9** *If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.* King David was crying out to the only One Who could answer his prayer and forgive his sin. This is what some might call "getting right" with God.

If there seems to be a disconnect with the Father. If it seems He is far away. If you are eaten up with remorse or despair, call upon the LORD and confess your sin to Him. He will restore to you the joy of His salvation and He will renew a "right" spirit within you. And remember, there is nothing too difficult for our God.

Dear LORD, restore to us the joy of Your salvation and renew a right spirit within us. We need to walk in abiding step with You instead of trying to serve You from afar. Draw us back into that right relationship with a clean heart, In Jesus Name, Amen