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La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**Shame Of Thrones: The Story Of David And Bathsheba**  
**Episode 5: New Hearts**  
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**Psalm 51:1-12**

*For the director of music. A psalm of David. When the prophet Nathan came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.*

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. <sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. <sup>4</sup>**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.** <sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. <sup>6</sup>Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. <sup>7</sup>Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a **willing spirit**, to sustain me.

**Should David have been forgiven? 2 Sam 12:13-14** *Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. "But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the son born to you will die."*

**Questioning the text:**

1. Should anyone be forgiven?
  - a. **Vs. 5** *David speaks of sinfulness in the womb.*
2. **Why are we forgiven? The Simple Answer Is Love**

**Forgiveness is a byproduct of love.**

**Vs. 1** *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.*

**It's time to un-friend sin, guilt and shame.**

**Redefining our relationship to Sin, Guilt and Shame.** - What makes a person a Christian is their relationship with Jesus and how that relationship shapes how they feel about **sin, guilt and shame.**

- If Satan cannot convince you to abandon Jesus altogether, than the next best option is to have you follow Jesus while mired in sin, shame and guilt.

**No More Guilt:** The informed and obedient believer should never experience “sustained guilt”.

- **Colossians 2:13-15** *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup>having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

## 2 Keys to moving on from sin:

1. **Don't let the past sins shape your present existence.**
2. **Relentlessly pursue a willing spirit.**

### 1. **Don't let the past sins shape your present existence.**

- a. David did not allow his lowest moment to define the rest of his life.
- b. What past moments do you need to surrender to Christ forgiveness?

### 2. **Relentlessly pursue a willing spirit.**

Work on building a shelter for your spirit that is resistant to sins calling.

a. **Vs. 12** Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a **willing spirit**, to sustain me.

b. **Psalm 119:97-99** *Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.<sup>98</sup> Your commands are always with me and make me wiser than my enemies. <sup>99</sup>I have more insight than all my teachers, for I meditate on your statutes.*

**Food For The Journey:** Use these questions to go deeper in one of our community groups or for personal reflection.

1. Pastor Adam asked the question, “Should anyone be forgiven?” Do you see some things as unforgivable.
2. The sermon mentioned the fact that due to scriptures like Col 2:13-15 that we need to redefine our relationship with sin, guilt and shame. What would this look like?
3. If Satan cannot convince you to abandon Jesus altogether, than the next best option is to have you follow Jesus while mired in sin, shame and guilt. What would be the effects of this strategy if successful?
4. Do you let past sins define your present?
5. Repentance is one thing, but a willing spirit to no longer desire a thing is another. How can we work to develop willing Spirits?