

Series: Rooted: A Lifestyle of Radical Dependence

Sermon: Rooted in Repentance

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15, Psalm 51, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, Romans 2:4 (ESV)

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False Repentance – A Biblical Example

1 Samuel 15

Key Verses:

*Now go and strike Amalek and devote to destruction all that they have. Do not spare them, but kill both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey. **1 Samuel 15:3***

*And Paul defeated the Amalekites ... and he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive and devoted to destruction all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fattened calves and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them. **1 Samuel 15:7-9***

*And Samuel came to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed be you to the LORD. I have performed the commandment of the LORD." **1 Samuel 15:13***

And Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen I hear?"

*Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice to the LORD your God." **1 Samuel 15:14***

*Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you pounce on the spoil and do what was evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul said to Samuel, "I have obeyed the voice of the Lord. I have gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me. I have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and I have devoted the Amalekites to destruction. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." **1 Samuel 15:19-21***

*Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me that I may worship the LORD." **1 Samuel 15:24***

*Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of my people and before Israel." **1 Samuel 15:30***

False repentance *looks* spiritual but is anchored in prideful self-protection, void of heart transformation.

Genuine Repentance – A Biblical Example

Psalm 51

Repentance involves:

1. An admittance of wrong. (v. 1-4)

Psalm 51:1-4

*¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

*²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!*

*³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.*

*⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.*

2. An experience of remorse. (v. 5; Ps. 31:10; Ps. 32:3-4; 2 Corinthians 7:10)

Psalm 51:5

*⁵Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.*

Psalm 31:10

*¹⁰An excellent wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.*

Psalm 32:3-4

*³For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.*

*⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.*

2 Corinthians 7:10

*¹⁰For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret,
whereas worldly grief produces death.*

3. A request of renewal. (v. 7-12)

Psalm 51:7-12

*⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*

*⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.*

*¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*¹¹Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

*¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

Genuine repentance is spiritual and is anchored in humility, radical dependence, and heart transformation.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. **Psalm 51:17**

Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? **Romans 2:4**

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