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Psalm 51:1-12 (NIV)

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



2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a (NIV)

- 26 When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him.
 - 27 After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.
- Nathan Rebukes David**
- 12 The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor.
- 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.
- 4 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."
- 5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die!
- 6 He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."
- 7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.
- 8 I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. 9 Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. 10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'
- 11 "This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. 12 You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"
- 13 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."

Psalm 51 - A psalm of David. When the prophet, Nathan, came to him after David had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

You don't stop having fun when you get old....

YOU GET OLD

WHEN YOU STOP HAVING FUN



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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the many friends and family members of Kevin Hoyt. May God be their comfort.
- We give thanks that Chaffey Dam is almost full.
- We pray for Karen, from the Lutheran congregation, as she continues with her cancer treatments.
- We pray for Jim and Enid Marston who have a number of health issues.
- We give thanks that lock-down is ending for the moment in Melbourne, and pray for the residents of Sydney.
- We pray for John Nowland and his family, as they grieve the loss of his brother Ken.



Meg's Musings

Like many people, I've been watching some of the Olympics programmes of a night-time. There has been a mix of activities broadcast. The strength of the male gymnasts is amazing, as is the poise and grace of the female gymnasts. We were astounded at the ability of some riders to get horses mincing along, with tiny steps, and intricate forwards, sideways, and even backward movements. Teams of footballers, netballers, hockey and water-polo players show what can be achieved together. The Olympics showcase what can be achieved with talent, effort, experience and luck. Jesus showcases what can be achieved when a person puts their faith in God. Who do you look up to most?

Blessing from Meg



To laugh often and much;
to win the respect of the intelligent people
and the affection of children;
to earn the appreciation of honest critics
and endure the betrayal of false friends;
to appreciate beauty;
to find the best in others;
to leave the world a bit better
whether by a healthy child, a garden patch,
or a redeemed social condition;
to know that one life has breathed easier
because you lived here.
This is to have succeeded. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We need items of clothing for children, 2-4, or 5-9 years old. Skirts, T-shirts and shorts etc.

Ephesians 4:1-16 (NIV)

Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it.

⁸ This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,
he took many captives
and gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions?

¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming.

¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

¹⁶ From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

9 August ~ Ross Davidson

13 August ~ Judy Lennon

28 August ~ Anna Davidson

30 August ~ Denby Budden

31 August ~ Fiona Hansford

31 August ~ Alan Littlejohns

