

## Suburban Birds Part 8

### Failure and Recovery

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- Failure
- How to recover from a failure
- When you run the wrong way!
- A man after God's own heart

*Psalm 51:1-10 (ESV) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against 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. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

#### **To Recover from Failure:**

1st) Stop **HIDING** it.

*Psalm 51:1 (ESV) Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.*

- We are all broken people
- You are passionately loved by the God of the Universe!
- You are passionately hated by His enemy.
- All of us have an unbelievably rich spiritual power available
- Repentance
- "To change one's mind"
- Failure Traps

#### A) **PRIDE.**

- Pride says it's always somebody else's fault.

B) Our **PAST**.

- Never let your past dictate your future

2nd) Call it **WHAT** it is.

*Psalm 51:3 (ESV) For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.*

- Your identity is based in Christ's accomplishments not yours
- Your identity is based in Christ's strengths not yours
- Your identity is based in His performance not yours
- Your identity is based in His victory not yours
- Your identity is steadfastly established in His substitution, not your sin, so learn to relax in His grace not in your failure!

3rd) Don't **RUSH** the process.

*Psalm 51:7-8 (ESV) 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.*

*Jer. 18:3 (NIV) "I went down to the potter's house and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him."*

*Romans 8:29 (TLB) For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son,*

- "To squeeze"
- We really want to be the finished product but we don't want to go through the process

4th) Take it all to **JESUS**.

*Psalm 51:10 (ESV) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.*

- Every line drips with the drama of the necessity of what's to come!
- Once-and-for-all-Savior
- Psalm 51 longs for Jesus

*Psalm 51:16 (ESV) For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.*

- The Ultimate Sacrifice - Which is Jesus -

*2 Cor. 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here!*

- Welcome to the story of redemption.
- This is the story of the bible
- This is the story of God pursuing and saving broken sinners...because that's all there is!
- Don't wait to make things right!
- Don't wait to make things right with others!
- Don't wait to make things right with God!