DEVOTIONAL SERIES

FALL ON ME



JOHN 14:26 (VOICE)

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READ PSALM 51

One of the gifts of the scriptures is that we find imperfect people who God still uses for his glory and for which he still had a plan for their lives. Aren't we grateful for that? Somehow in our society now, where we strive for "best practices" and "excellence" we forget that God promises that in our imperfection he Himself comes to do the repair work within us.

Reading the lyrics of "*Fall On Me*" I think of David, King David, a "man after God's own heart." He was certainly less than perfect, and we see the depth of his grief and struggle in Psalm 51. This Psalm is likely attributed to his sin with Bathsheba, taking a married woman for his own and then arranging the death of her husband at the front line of battle. Yet like many of us, he didn't start out with this deep self-awareness. It took the prophet Nathan sharing a parable about injustice and the subsequent challenge "you are the man" for his self-deception to end and his repentance to begin.

The amazing thing to me is that David didn't make excuses, get defensive or deny. This is where I believe we see the "man after God's own heart." Through that relationship with his God he was ready to change. Jesus promised us the greatest gift when he was to leave his disciples.

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In David's day the Holy Spirit would just come upon someone when something significant needed to be accomplished. But with the promise of Jesus, as believers we have this power within us each and every day. Not only as comforter, but also as change agent as we face our faults and struggles. If we call out to the Holy Spirit, he will come in and do a deep work. Oh, that we would be willing to invite Him in, to hear those words of challenge and to respond and allow that transformation.

I remember hearing two nuns say, at a spiritual retreat, "*if its worth doing its worth doing poorly*" - what??? That got my attention...that was so countercultural in our perfection world...but the second part was the "breath" that I needed to hear... "*and God gives the gift*".

CHILD OF GOD, MAN OR WOMAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART, BE ASSURED THAT THE GOD WHO LOVES US, KNOWS US, KNOWS OUR WEAKNESSES AND IMPERFECTIONS, WILL, BY HIS HOLY SPIRIT FALLING ON US, CHANGE US FROM WITHIN TO BE MORE LIKE HIM. PRAISE HIM.