

I was in [Crestview, FL](#) April 2012 & didn't notice the no U turn sign.

Got a SOUVENIER (Found it in my truck this week after preparing my sermon & forgetting I had it, not looking for it.)

Funny how God works like that!

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But where there are places here the **law doesn't allow** physical U Turns with our car...

We serve a God who allows Spiritual U Turns anytime, anywhere!

We know how U Turns work – change go opposite direction.

Living wrong. Repent. Live Upright

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The Christian life is a series of new beginnings.

I'm glad we serve a God that allows U-turns.

That's what repentance is. U turn.

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Not sure what all of you have going on in your life, what you've done in your past, or what you're living in right now, but if you truly want forgiveness it can be found.

God takes sins serious, never take it lightly.

But if we are genuinely sorrowful for our sin, He is ready & willing to forgive.

I want us today to look at a very personal account of a man who made a major U Turn in his life because of the Grace of God.

Psalm 51:1-10 "U Turns Allowed"

In the Book of 2 Samuel 11-12 We learn the background to this Psalm

(Springtime Kings went out to battle, David stayed behind, Nathan Prophet)

God deals with Him & Chastens Him to get his attention & bring him to repentance because God loves David.

Several others instances in the OT & NT

How about [Jonah](#)?

[1 Cor 5:4-5](#) When you are assembled in the name of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present, with the power of our Lord Jesus, you are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord.

[1 Cor 11:30](#)-That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

[Hebrews 12:5-11](#) And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

If you don't like the idea of God chastening, then I got the solution!

Don't fall into grievous sin.

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But if we sin, there is a solution to having right fellowship with God.

Making a true heart felt, action packed U Turn.

What are the things accompanied with a Real U Turn?

1- Recognize Our Sin For What it Is

Look at the words this repentant man uses to describe his errors.... ***transgression, iniquity, sin, evil,..***

Other places in the Bible sin is called wickedness, filthiness.

If we are going to make a true U Turn...
we gotta Be Honest With God about our Sin

The 1 word that stands out the most is "evil".

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Where God is holy, sin is the opposite. It is a describer of His main enemy – "The evil one" When we sin we don't act like God, but his adversary.

So when we act like sin is no big deal, I think God would greatly disagree.

Take fornication, adultery, homosexuality for instance - What may not be evil in the sight of our culture, I can promise you as David says here in v.4 "It is evil in the sight of God."

And in the end only He is going to have a say.

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(Like David we have to acknowledge it) – how many times does David own the sin as his? "My" (at least 6x in these 10 verses)

When we stand before God, He isn't like the Liberal mindset of many in our day that shifts the blame away from the real issue.

When we sin – no excuses. It's not because the Devil made us do it. Not because of our upbringing.

We sin because we like it! Take OWNERSHIP

James 1:14-15...But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

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We can't run from our sin or from God. The best thing to do when you are convicted is to repent and deal with it. V.3 – David says it is ever before him.

I don't know about yall but I like a good nights sleep! When there is sin in the life of a believer and God begins to convict, if you repent and deal with it you can lay your head down on your pillow again as it should be.

Covering up sin is like trying to cover and ant pile with dirt. Then little jokers are gonna surface in just a minute I promise. Only God can cover your sin and where it will go away & make you feel clean again.

I've done some pretty cruddy things in my life that once weighed me down, but when I truly repented somehow God made me feel clean again. I don't walk around with the weight I once carried anymore.

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2- We must honestly recognize who we sinned against

(its Gods law we break)

Although David has certainly wronged Urriah, and the people of Israel who looked to him, when it comes to being Judged it will only be God who will do that.

When we sin, it isn't just us that is affected.

*David's child, the men on the ship with Jonah?

What about the person who cheats on their spouse and they have 3 kids and the family breaks apart?

What about **Jerry Sandusky**? One man's sin affected numerous families, a Universities reputation.

Sin is evil, deadly, destructive

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David wasn't making an excuse for his sin by referencing in v.5 that he like all of us are all **born sinners**...

I think he was recognizing that where God is infinitely perfect & holy, we are flawed from day 1.

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God delights he says in v.6 with **Truth in the inward being.**

Being real with our self & with Him.

We better take ownership now that we have offended a Holy God while there is still time and not live in denial.

1 John 1:10-Whoever says they have no sin calls God a liar.

I don't wanna think about what that persons eternity looks like.

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Not only must we recognize our sin for what it is & who we sinned against...

3rd- We must recognize there is only one way to be clean

Remember Pig Pen on Charlie Brown? Grundgy Joker

If someone truly has a heart for God & falls into sin, they will feel dirty.

Sin makes a believer feel dirty.

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I don't know about yall but **I like to feel clean.**

I'm on the **Chris Evans plan**- that a man needs to shower at least once a week just to make sure I feel clean.

Look at what David **wants God to do** – wash me, cleans me, purge me.

Make me “whiter than snow” – white represents purity.

Bust out the Hyssop – was associated with rituals of purification. Believed to have the ability to disinfect & gives a nice aroma.

(We need God to disinfect the disease of sin in us). And when God cleanses us, the stench that was once there before His nostrils & ours is now gone.

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When a believer is living in sin, until they repent they really don't want to hear about sin.

There is a desire to remove oneself from the presence of the light because all it does is make you feel dirty.
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No one else may see the grudge all over, but God can!

And the God who sees it, can clean it.

Only God can purify the heart!

My daddy use to tell me “I'm gonna put something on you that you're **momma can't wash off** boy.”

When we got sin, only the Blood of Jesus can cleanse it.

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David felt dirty & he just wanted to be clean again.

V.10 – create in me a clean heart.

Later in v.12 – he wanted the joy of serving the Lord to come back.

When our heart gets dirty it's because something else has taken the place on the throne of our heart where Jesus once sat.

(It's a slow fade- David took one look too many – listen don't put yourself in the place where you have the opportunity to look).
Flee.

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Apart from repentance....

1 John 1:9- If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

David understood the character of God, v.1 – He understood that although God would chasten believers for their sin (as God did him), he also understood that God would show mercy and forgive as well because of the love He has for us.

The love God has for His children isn't just love – it's Steadfast Love (v.1)

Isn't it just like that with our kids?

David was broken by God over his sin & And now he wants cleansing & healing..
(v.17)

He wants the joy of living for God back. (And it did!)

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Those who honestly desire to do a U turn, there is forgiveness that awaits you.

God will like David says, “**Blot them out**” – means to conceal something, to hide

(ever bought any **tan Clearasil**. Pigment looks like skin to conceal a zit).

When God blots something out, it is gone forever because the blood of Christ can blot out anything.

I Love This...

David writes later...Psalm 103: 11-13 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

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NC – **Hiroshima & Nagasaki** he was just following orders he felt horrible

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Just as God forgave that man for whatever sins he had in his life & forgave David, He can certainly forgive you. It just takes a genuine U Turn

Saying your sorry w no intent to turn away is not genuine repentance.

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Maybe today is your day to make a U Turn. Im glad of the U Turns I've made in my life!

Ever been a time where you turned from your sin & called on the Lord to save you? There is no better time than now.

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And Like David says in v.7 – “If you do it, you will be whiter than snow.” He will wash all the filth away if you just trust Him.

I'm glad we serve a God that allows U Turns (Let's Pray)