

The Upper Room^[1] devotional reflection for Tuesday, April 6, 2021 comes to us from Albert Dob of Bucharest, Romania

Psalm 51:13-17 *13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you. 14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. 15 Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. 16 You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. 17 My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.*

“God Restores”

Today’s reading is from a psalm of David, the king of Israel. It reflects his thoughts after he has realized the gravity and implications of conspiracy against Uriah the Hittite and his adultery with Bathsheba, Uriah’s wife. His actions result in a baby boy, and God rebukes David through the prophet Nathan (See 2 Sam. 11-12)

In the psalm, David’s broken heart is obvious. He has realized that he has sinned against God, whom he loves. He fears being separated from God because of his actions. Despite the consequences he suffered, God restored David’s life.

In 2007, when I was 21 years old, my heart felt burdened with sin. I decided to go to church the next Sunday to seek redemption. I was broken inside and felt hopeless. But every word the pastor preached spoke directly to my heart. That moment marked my life forever. The joy and the love for God I felt were indescribable. David’s story reassures me that no matter how broken we are, God can restore us all.

Prayer Focus: Someone feeling far from God.

Prayer: Father in heaven, thank you for your mercy and the way you restore our lives. Amen.

Thought for the Day: God’s love can restore anyone.

---Albert Dob

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Albert Dob reminds us all that, no matter how depressed, downtrodden, or guilt-ridden we feel, God’s grace, forgiveness, and redemption is available to each of us. Even David, who didn’t even realize how gravely he had sinned, was restored through God’s loving compassion.

--Pastor bea

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