

“My Own Most Grievous Fault”

~ Psalm 4, Luke 24

Sermon Series:
“Calvary Prays”



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If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *(1 John 1:8-9)*

Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus... *(Acts 3:19-20)*

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you... *(Psalm 55:22a)*

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. *(Matthew 11:29)*

Deny [yourself], take up your cross, and follow... *(Matthew 16:24)*

[He] comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.... *(2 Corinthians 1:3)*

ACTS stands for:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication (or asking)

Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." *(Luke 18:9-14)*

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. *(Matthew 7:7)*

So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong. *(2 Corinthians 12:10)*

Text for Personal Reflection:

“You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.” *(Psalm 4:7-8)*

Prayer & Reflection Questions:

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Why is the psalmist able to sleep well? Do I sleep well? Why or why not?