

Sermon Questions

“Facing My Sin, Finding Freedom” by Pastor Luis Peralta

This week our guest speaker, Pastor Luis Peralta from Harvest CDMX in Mexico City, earnestly urged BRAVE Church to live out the “A” in BRAVE! He challenged us to be authentic in acknowledging the sin in our lives. This week, we looked at Psalm 51, David’s example of a fully surrendered heart. This is where true freedom lies.

Questions

Read Psalm 51.

1. Why does David begin by acknowledging God’s attributes and character? (Vs. 1) What is David seeking? By David recognizing God’s great love, mercy, and grace, how does this action identify David’s position before the Lord?
2. **Acknowledge our sin.** (Vs. 3, 5) What does David mean when he states: “My sin is ever before me”? What does verse 5 say about David’s realization of his sin? How do you feel about your transgressions? Where does guilt originate and is it healthy? Is identifying your guilt necessary in confession?
3. Pastor Luis made a statement: “Time and truth walk hand in hand” in reference to 2 Samuel 12:10-12. What did he mean by this statement? What does God mean in 2 Samuel 12:12 “Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.”? Through your own consequences from sinful behavior, how do you wrestle with the conviction of the Holy Spirit?
4. **Acknowledge your betrayal.** (Vs. 4a) Read verse 4. When confronted with our sin, why is blame our first response? Why do we make excuses and minimize our own sin? Why is it difficult to call our own sin evil? In verse 4, why is it critical to recognize to Whom we have sinned against?
5. Pastor Luis said, “Betrayal is betrayal, if we keep quiet, we are apart of it!” Why is “keeping quiet” still betrayal? What are some of the Spiritual consequences of keeping quiet? Can you share an example from your own life of the consequence of remaining silent? How can true freedom be found in confession?
6. What did David seek? In Psalm 51, David describes his desire to have his relationship with the Lord restored. How often in this short Psalm did David ask for cleansing?
7. **Acknowledge His justice. (Vs 4b, 6)** In verse 6, David recognizes God’s desire for honesty in his innermost being. Why is it difficult to be completely honest with ourselves, and God? Why is

this type of honesty called dying to self? What exactly are we surrendering? What questions do we need to ask ourselves to get to this point of surrender? Is this a daily occurrence or a “one and done” time?

8. In Luke 23 Pastor Luis brought up the two criminals hanging on the cross next to Jesus. The one was mocking Him, while the other asked, “Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” Both were sinners, but one acknowledged Christ’s justice. Questions we need to ask ourselves: Do I acknowledge His justice? Am I defending my sin? How am I unfaithful to God?

9. **Seek to be restored** (Vs. 7-10) What is the meaning of “purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean?” From Exodus 12:22 what is David referring to when he is seeking to be made clean?

10. Why did David ask God to “create in me a clean heart” in verse 10? What does it mean to have a clean heart before God? How does God create a clean heart within us? What does it mean to repent? Why does repentance give freedom? Is this type of freedom free?