

Saturday, March 5, 2022

Stay Connected

[Psalm 51:1-17](#)

¹ *Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.*
² *Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.*

The past two years have really emphasized that we all long for human connection. We want to connect with the people we love. We want to spend time with each other. We want to get coffee together and eat meals together and play sports together and worship in church together.

We are made for community with each other and with God. We feel that sharply when something disrupts our community, our connection. The past two years that disruption has been a virus, something outside of our control.

This passage of scripture is a prayer from David to God when David realized that he had lost connection with God. This loss of connection was not from something outside of David's control, but rather it came from the decisions that David made. David lost connection with God, and his choices damaged the lives of many people. This Psalm is part of David's steps to find that connection again. Repentance and trust in the abundant mercy of God are steps in our daily walk with God that keep us connected to Him.

During this season of Lent, we reflect on the hope that we have because of God's abundant mercy. We acknowledge that we often lose that connection with Him, but He is unwilling to let us go. His steadfast love for us is so strong that Jesus came to us and gave himself for us, so that we might know His mercy and love, so that we might be connected to Him and to each other.

As we continue to walk an uncertain path forward, let us stay connected. Stay connected to God. Stay connected to His love and mercy. Stay connected to each other through that love which holds us fast.

***Prayer:** Lord, we thank you that even when we stumble and fall, your mercy and love are a tether keeping us connected to you. Help us to stay connected to you and to each other through this journey. Amen.*

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