

CONCEPTS OF FAITH

Helping God Resolve Your Problems

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Did you know that God needs help resolving the problems in your life? No, He doesn't need more power. He is omnipotent. He doesn't need more wisdom to be able to put the pieces of the puzzle of your life together for He is the source of all wisdom. What kind of help could God possibly need? He needs your co-operation.

Have you ever tried to put shoes and socks on a 2 year old? It is a simple problem for an adult. You have the ability and knowledge but it definitely takes co-operation from the child!

I am convinced that God desires to quickly answer our prayer, meet our needs, and resolve problems in our lives if we only knew how to co-operate with Him! One of the greatest obstacles is denying that a problem or sin exists, or if we do admit it, then we ignore it thinking it will go away. The only way that you will ever be free from it is to face the problem head on and deal with it. In counseling with people, I have found a common misconception. It is a misinterpretation of Romans 4:17, "...even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." Notice, He calls

things that *are not* as though they *were*... not “calls things that *are* as though they *are not*.” There are mind science religions built on the principle of denying what exists.

AVOIDING CONFRONTATION

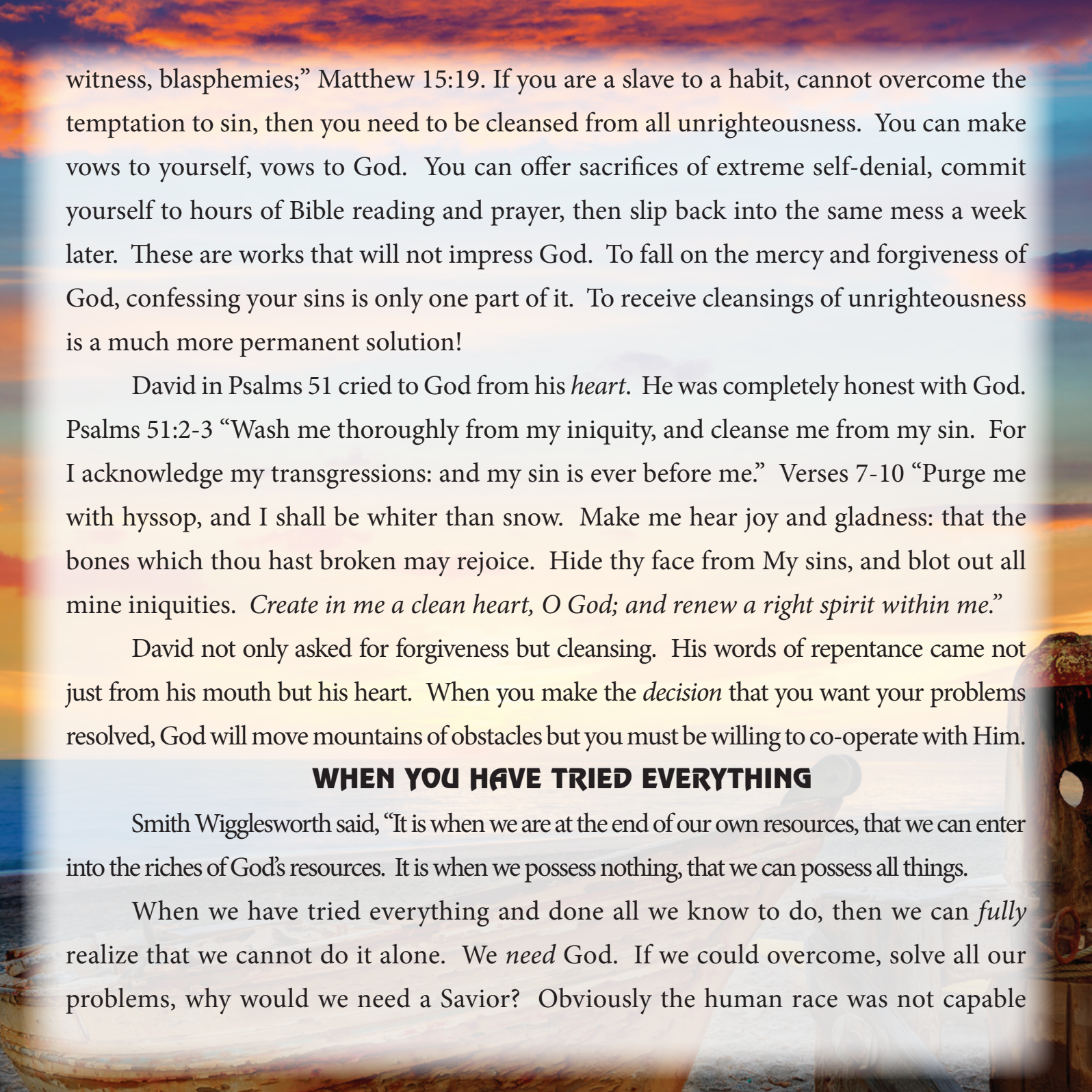
If you have a recurring sin or problem that is hindering your living abundantly, then denying the problem will only cause you to avoid confrontation with it. This means that God will not be able to help you resolve it! Until you are able to be honest with God and yourself, nothing will change.

Remember the woman at the well? She definitely needed to face the fact that there was a sin in her life, but when Jesus confronted her, she changed the subject quickly. Pride, fear, and guilt will keep us avoiding confrontation as long as possible. It will also keep *us* bound and *God* bound from helping us. God is an unchangeable God, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Our problems – strife, jealousy, unforgiveness, irresponsibility, our sins – gluttony, laziness, drunkenness, adultery, fornication, these are *all* subject to change! When you bring your problem, your sin, in contact with the unchangeable God, something must change, must move, and it's not God!

The devil has kept so many of God's people bound with sins and weighted down with personal problems out of fear, guilt, and pride. These things should be exposed immediately to yourself and God. He is not the Accuser, He is not the one who condemns. He has *already* forgiven. When we come to Him with honesty and complete openness, He can move *miraculously* on our behalf!

CLEANSING THE HEART

The works of the flesh are a manifestation of something in the heart. Jesus said, “For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false



witness, blasphemies;” Matthew 15:19. If you are a slave to a habit, cannot overcome the temptation to sin, then you need to be cleansed from all unrighteousness. You can make vows to yourself, vows to God. You can offer sacrifices of extreme self-denial, commit yourself to hours of Bible reading and prayer, then slip back into the same mess a week later. These are works that will not impress God. To fall on the mercy and forgiveness of God, confessing your sins is only one part of it. To receive cleansings of unrighteousness is a much more permanent solution!

David in Psalms 51 cried to God from his *heart*. He was completely honest with God. Psalms 51:2-3 “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.” Verses 7-10 “Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness: that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Hide thy face from My sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. *Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.*”

David not only asked for forgiveness but cleansing. His words of repentance came not just from his mouth but his heart. When you make the *decision* that you want your problems resolved, God will move mountains of obstacles but you must be willing to co-operate with Him.

WHEN YOU HAVE TRIED EVERYTHING

Smith Wigglesworth said, “It is when we are at the end of our own resources, that we can enter into the riches of God’s resources. It is when we possess nothing, that we can possess all things.

When we have tried everything and done all we know to do, then we can *fully* realize that we cannot do it alone. We *need* God. If we could overcome, solve all our problems, why would we need a Savior? Obviously the human race was not capable

of dealing with the sin problem, so God sent Jesus. The world is forgiven of their sins, but without co-operation on their part (repentance and receiving forgiveness) God cannot solve the problem of sin their lives. God is wanting to deal with his people in a new way during this time, preparing us for greater things. We must get our house (temple) in order. I challenge you to identify the hindrance in your life and pray this prayer. “Faither God, I have a mountain in my life. It is causing me frustration, guilt and confusion. I openly confess before you that I have not been able to overcome it. In the Name of Jesus, I speak to this mountain – BE REMOVED! I rebuke every satanic spirit that has attacked me, and I fall on your mercy God. Cleanse me from all unrightousness. Show me what steps I must take to be completely free.”

