**Awaken 3**

**Sermon 10th May 2020**

**The Secret Place**

 Read Psalm 51:5-9

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1. **The Secret Place. vv5-6**

“Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.  (Psalm 51:5-6 NIV11)

* David is aware of his own mortality, what is your view of original sin?
* It is in the secret place where Truth and Wisdom are experienced, it is where the Holy Spirit speaks to us, have you experienced the voice of the Lord in your secret place?
* Knowing that it is in the secret place we are convicted of our sins and it is also the place where Truth and Wisdom dwells, what is now your understanding of repentance and conviction?

1. **The Cleansing v 7**

“51:7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow..” (Psalm 51:7 NIV11)

* Sin makes a permanent mark in our lives; how can the Gospel remove that mark?
* I what sense are we washed by Christ?

1. **The Joy vv 8-9**

  “51:8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Psalms 51:9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.” (Psalm 51: 8-9 NIV11)

* David wants to live again, he wants to experience the Joy of the Lord and the joy of life, why do you think David felt that his bones we crushed?
* Why do you think David was afraid of the sight of the Lord?
* In my story with my kids, I did no washed their dirty and sticky faces, yet our heavenly Father does that for us in Christ. Write a prayer of thanksgiving, knowing that we are new in Christ.

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* **Meditate on it.**
* **Pray over it.**