

## **Notes & Quotes – March 8, 2009 (Psalm 51)**

Pathway from conviction to freedom...

- **Own it** – let God change the vocabulary from *they* to *me*
  
- **Uncover it** – let God name the failure(s)
  
- **Put it away** – let God cleanse and cover
  
- **Leave it** – let God restore and mature

“David’s sin, enormous as it was, was wildly outdone by God’s grace. David’s sin cannot, must not, be minimized, but it’s miniscule compared to God’s salvation from it. It’s always a mistake to concentrate our attention on our sins; it’s God’s work on our sins that’s the main event. Our sins aren’t that interesting; it’s God’s work that’s interesting. There’s nothing glamorous about sin, and it’s the devil’s work to make it look otherwise. Sin is diminishing, dehumanizing, and soon dull...We have a finite number of ways to sin; God has an infinite number of ways to forgive.”

– Eugene Peterson

“We can no more live a sinless life than we can plant potatoes without getting our hands dirty. But neither do we have to go around all day with dirty hands. There are washbasins well-supplied with soap in our homes and workplaces – and baptismal fonts and baptistries in our sanctuaries. The way, the only way, to deal with sin is through washing...and connecting with God’s forgiveness, like washing, requires frequency.”

– Eugene Peterson