

Friday, November 25: Read [Psalms 58-60](#)

*Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries

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Spiritual Disciplines Guide

Week of November 20, 2022

Last week we highlighted Lament Psalms. Many of David's psalms are dealing with tough circumstances where he questions God's presence with him and his intervention for him. This week, let's zero in on another genre of Hebrew poetry -- "*Confession Psalms*". There are not nearly as many confession psalms as there are lament psalms, but there are a few. The most famous of these comes up in this week's reading, [Psalm 51](#). If you go there, you'll notice the heading gives the context for this psalm. You can read the story in [2 Samuel 11-12](#). The neat thing is that David not only responded in repentance to the prophet Nathan's rebuke, he wrote about his heart response in his journal.....and so we have Psalm 51 -- a psalm of repentance. Even the greatest of saints sin and need forgiveness. Pay close attention to how David thinks about his moral failure and what he determines to do as a result. We have an excellent example for us today in the face of temptation and sin. Follow David's pattern of open confession, sincere repentance and real restitution. Some other confession psalms of repentance to study along with number 51 are [Psalm 32](#), [Psalm 38](#) and [Psalm 69](#). Each of these also give us insight into our own spiritual failures, true repentance and God's grace to forgive and restore us ([1 John 1:9](#))

Monday, November 21: Read [Psalms 46-48](#)

Chapter highlights:

*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Monday: Pray for yourself:

My relationship with God

My life roles and responsibilities

My personal needs/weak areas

My goals and objectives for this fall season.

Tuesday, November 22: Read [Psalms 49-51](#)

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Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.

Wednesday, November 23: Read [Psalms 52-54](#)

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*A key passage for me:

*One point of application from today's reading:

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

1. **Leadership:** Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest ([Matthew 9:38](#))
2. **Worship:** Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship, including a pianist. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. **Fellowship:** Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship. Take some time to pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
4. **Discipleship:** Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
5. **Outreach:** Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our

community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others through the Kingdom Assignment "*Dare to Care*".

6. **Future Faith Goals:** Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future. Pray for God's clear leading in our future plans as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, November 24: Read [Psalms 55-57](#)

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Thursday: Pray for "My World"

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- **Neighbors** • People who live around me.
- **People at Work** • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church?
- **Community** -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through time of crisis.
- **Pray for the area churches** and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the pandemic.
- **Pray for the community parachurch ministries** serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Joppa Recovery/Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, Freedom Recovery Center, God's Choice Church, Jacob's Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, Tommy's House, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- **America:** Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the pandemic, the economy and world events to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's guidance and protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.