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1. **We Ask** God to show us our sin (Ps. 51: 10 & 6)
2. **We Confess** our sin (Ps. 51: 4)
3. **We Receive** forgiveness and new life (Ps. 51: 10-12)
4. **We Obey** in this New Life (Ps. 51: 17)

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- Thursday:** Reflect, Surrender, Confess Matt 7: 15-23
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