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New Message Series: Soul Detox Today's Message: Coming Clean

Exodus 33:11, 15 "The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend... Then Moses said to Him, 'If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.'"

Psalm 27:4 "The one thing I ask of the Lord, the thing <u>I seek most</u>—is to <u>live in</u> the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him..."

Psalm 18:1, 2 "I love You, Lord; You are my strength... my fortress, my rock, my savior..."

Galatians 4:19, 20

Revelation 2:4-6

Philippians 1:8-11, 3:7, 8, 10

Coming Clean
1. Do You Prefer A Non-Relational?
⇒ Consider: "It is certainly true, that we would <u>prefer</u> a <u>dumb dark thing</u> , a non-relational god, to be approached on <u>terms</u> and <u>worshipped</u> as <u>we see fit</u> ." ~Jensen
<u>Hebrews 12:25</u> "Be careful that you <u>do not refuse to listen</u> to the One who is speaking we will certainly not escape if <u>we reject</u> the One <u>Who speaks to us from heaven!</u> "
Sad Truth: Our age has an aversion to the words of God, and to the idea that God
Sadder Still: Many "Christians" prefer to be left to live as we well please.
<u>Isaiah 66:2</u> "Has not My hand made all these things? declares the Lord. These are the ones I look on <u>with favor</u> : those who are <u>humble</u> and <u>contrite</u> in spirit, and <u>who tremble</u> at <u>My word</u> ."
"contrite" - literally "" or disabled, one who is <u>aware</u> of the <u>damage sin has done</u> .
2. Getting With Ourselves
* "We know that somethings are <u>not right</u> , that we're <u>not growing closer</u> to God we feel like we're running against the wind; we <u>want more</u> , we <u>there's more</u> —but <u>never seem</u> to <u>find it</u> ." ~Groeschel
<u>Proverbs 25:26</u> "Like a <u>muddied</u> spring or a <u>polluted</u> well are the righteous who give way to the wicked."
<u>Ephesians 4:18</u> "They are <u>darkened</u> in their understanding alienated from the life of God because of the <u>ignorance</u> that is in them, due to the <u>darkness</u> of their heart"
<u>Ephesians 5:7, 8</u> "Therefore <u>do not become partners</u> with them, for at one time <u>you were darkness</u> , but <u>now you are light</u> in the Lord. <u>Walk as children of light</u> "
Some of us: have given in to certain struggles—anger, lust, discontentment: "It's just the way I am."
It's Time To Come Clean: Psalm 51:2, 7, 10, 12

The Challenge: To move to a **Renewed Relationship**:

Serious Reflection \longrightarrow Repentance \longrightarrow Detoxify Your Soul

Next Week: Toxic Behaviors