



A^{bout} – Grieving God

B^{est Verse} – Psalm 51:4, “Against you [God], you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...”

King David, the *man after God’s own heart*, is an example to us. I wonder if you are like me. When I sin, my first thought is to worry about God’s punishment. The reality is, this is more evidence of my self-centeredness. When my heart is right, when my faith expresses itself through the love of God, then my first concern is in relation to Him. *I have grieved His Spirit.*^{Eph4:30} I have been sealed by God for the day of redemption. Because of Jesus, I have no condemnation.^{Rom8:1} Jesus calls me friend.^{Jhn15:15} So as His friend my sin literally *brings Him sorrow*. He is interceding for me.^{Rom8:34} His sacrifice has already made me holy.^{Heb10:14} Now He says to me, be holy as I am holy.^{1Pt1:16}

C^{ommitment} – My dear friend, Jesus. You have given everything so that I can be your friend. Then I sin on top of sin when I don’t trust your friendship. You will never leave me or forsake me.^{Heb13:5} I trust you have forgiven my sin *and* forgiven me for not trusting you. Spirit, I need you to keep me from grieving you! I want to be driven to live by and in your love.

* The VW Bug was totaled last Tuesday, yet I have one, little scratch. The grace of God.
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