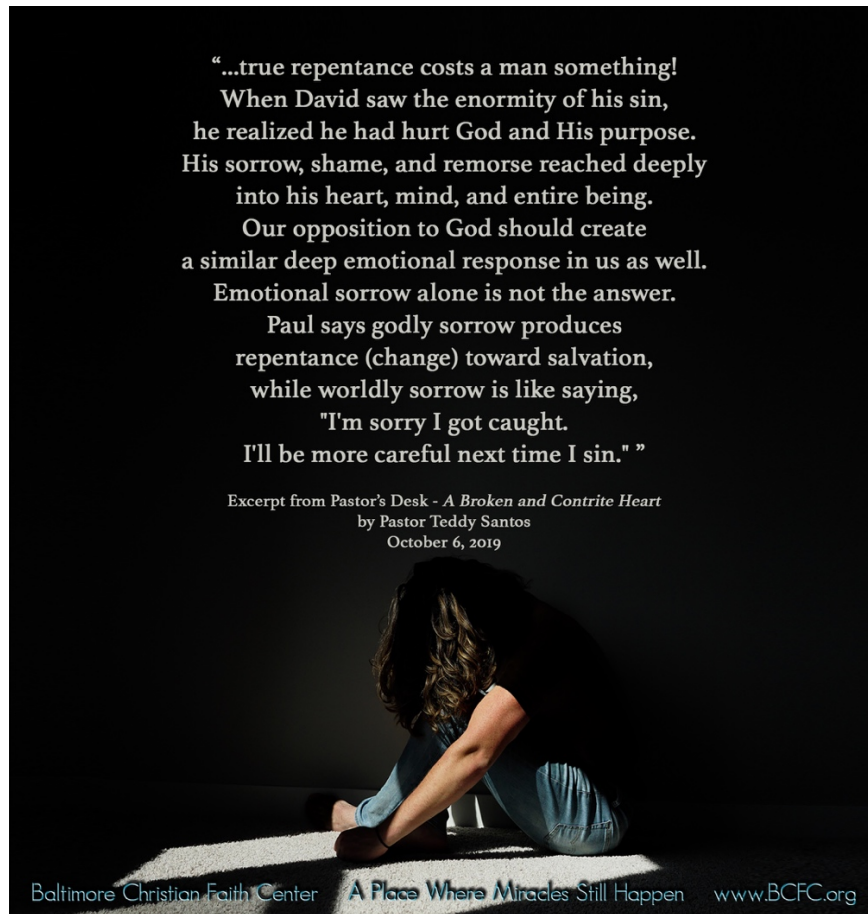


# A Broken and Contrite Heart

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*For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise—Psalm 51:16-17*

As a man who understood God on a personal level, David learned that plain animal sacrifices were not doing anything but setting a pattern. Indeed, they were tutors to those who followed the ritual. The Israelites could sacrifice thousands of animals and not get a thing out of it, but David understood the conundrum at hand.

And true repentance costs a man something! When David saw the enormity of his sin, he realized he had hurt God and His purpose. His sorrow, shame, and remorse reached deeply into his heart, mind, and entire being. Our opposition to God

should create a similar deep emotional response in us as well. Emotional sorrow alone is not the answer. Paul says godly sorrow produces repentance (change) toward salvation, while worldly sorrow is like saying, "I'm sorry I got caught. I'll be more careful next time I sin." 2Cor 7:10: *"For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death"*.

A person sacrifices him/herself when the wild human nature is being cut away. By the exercise of will, due to one's faith in God, determines whether you will or will not do something; that is change (or in context, repentance). Or, keep themselves from doing something - meaning, every fiber of their being yearns to do the opposite of what is contrary to the commands of the Lord. *"These, O God, You will not despise."*

At His service,  
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