

Repentance Devotional “What’s It Gonna Take?”

I recently found myself engaging in a particular sin. It’s one of those sins that I can “get away with” among other believers because it’s not noticeable to most people and even rationalized by some. But it is still most definitely sin. It is still a willful act of disobedience, deliberate and conscious defiance of my Creator and Redeemer. My sin and yours is never neutral, rather it is noxious to our holy God, and the very repellent that brought us in enmity with Him in the first place.

Maybe that’s what it takes. Maybe I need to dwell on what my sin actually is: the offense and wretchedness, the filthy nature of it. Maybe I need to see that when I engage in sin, I’m sitting in a heap of garbage, reveling in waste. Perhaps that realization can be a motivation for repentance. Because when we confess and repent, all that filthiness and grime is washed away (1 John 1:7-9). Repentance is like climbing out of the dumpster and bathing in the cleansing and refreshing waters of grace.

>>Read Psalm 32 and then pray that Holy Spirit shows you areas of sin in your life and ask for His power to help you repent of them.