

## Weekly Word

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### Readings for the week of Mar. 17/24:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

Repentance and Submission to God are two key priorities to our life with Christ. As we see in David's repentance in Psalm 51, repentance makes all things new in our lives. It gives us a clean slate with God. In I Samuel 13:14, and Acts 13:22, David was described as "a man after God's own heart." In Hebrews 5:8-9, we are given a perfect example of Submission to God, by His Son, Jesus. That Scripture says, *"Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him"*

We sin daily, so we should also repent daily. We may struggle with feeling unworthy of God's forgiveness, but Jeremiah 31:34 gives us assurance, *"No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."*

Once we have a new beginning with God, we often wonder what submission to God "looks like" in our lives. We can look to John 12:25-26 for guidance. That passage says, *"Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."*

Submitting to God will likely mean something different for each of us. But, as we seek His will for our lives, Jesus promises us that, *"Whoever serves me, the Father will honor."*

*How is Jesus asking you to serve and follow Him today, by submitting to His will instead of your own?*