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Pascal argues that a rational person should live as though God exists and seek to believe in God. If God does not actually exist, such a person will have only experienced finite losses (some worldly pleasures, etc.). On the other hand, if God does exist he stands to receive infinite gains (as represented by eternity in Heaven) and avoid infinite losses (eternity in <u>isolation</u> from God).

Each of us must weigh the consequences of that choice.

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<u>Luke 11</u>

1 Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

- 2 And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
- **3** Give us each day our daily bread,
- 4 and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

5 And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves,
6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him';

7 and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'?

8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.
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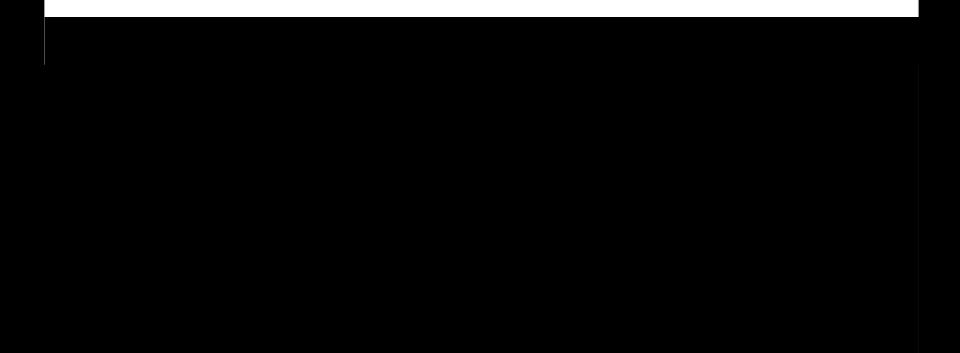
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Psalm 51...David's response to his sin with Bathsheba being revealed
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2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

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WHAT DO YOU NEED TO WRESTLE WITH REGARDING THIS TOPIC?

HOW WILLING ARE YOU TO WRESTLE WITH IT?

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

IS THERE ANOTHER SCRIPTURE PASSAGE THAT MIGHT HELP TRANSFORM YOUR THINKING?