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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Hebrews 4:9-16

Long ago, when my boys were young, after a rainy day, they'd begged to go outside. "You can go outside," we told them, "but stay out of the puddles." That was like telling the sun not to rise the next day. Like straight pins drawn to a magnet, they were drawn to the mud. They couldn't help it. It was mud. They are boys. They rolled, frolicked, skipped and hopped. When done, they were covered head-to-toe in mud. Never have two boys been muddier. They were so muddy I had to hose them off before they got into the shower. If you are too dirty to get into a shower, you, my friend, are dirty.

Boys are bound to find a mud puddle. All of us, in situations far more serious than mud, find ourselves drawn back to the sin-filled dirt of life. But God requires a clean heart. Willing ourselves to be clean doesn't work. Trying harder doesn't cut it either. Only the gushing power of the Spirit can cleanse us from the deepest sin. The dirtiest, head-to-toe, inside and out, sinner can be made clean when the Spirit cleans us.

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