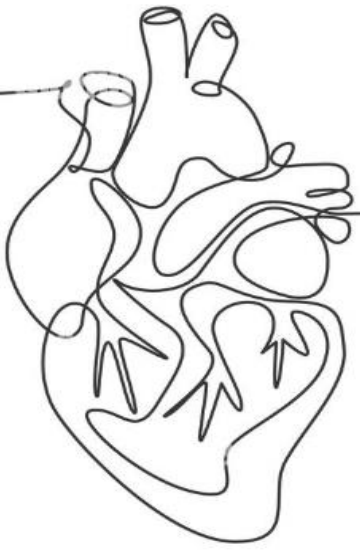


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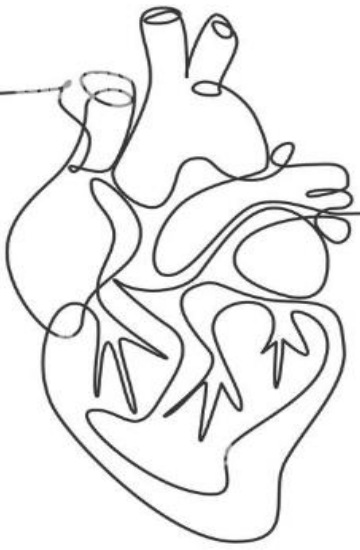


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**Harvest Season**

**Salvation Stories**

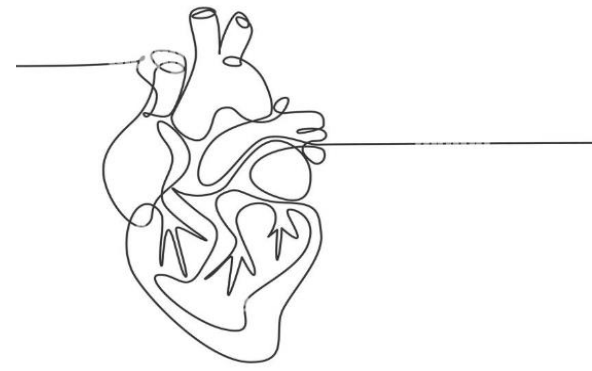
**What happened in your heart?**



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“It is imperative that we do not become numb.”

# 1. A HEART FOR GOD



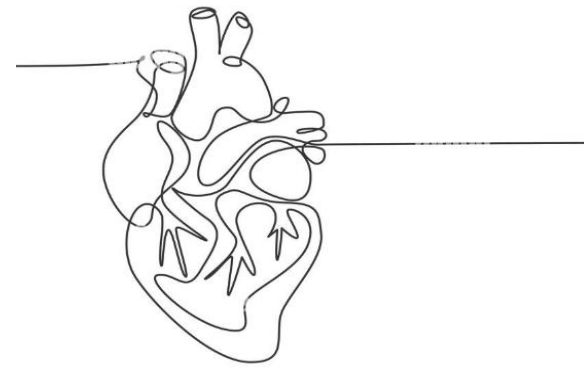
**How is your heart?**

**The heart will always flow..**

**Ex:** You can HEAR if a heart serves Jesus or mammon

**Matthew 12:34** ...For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

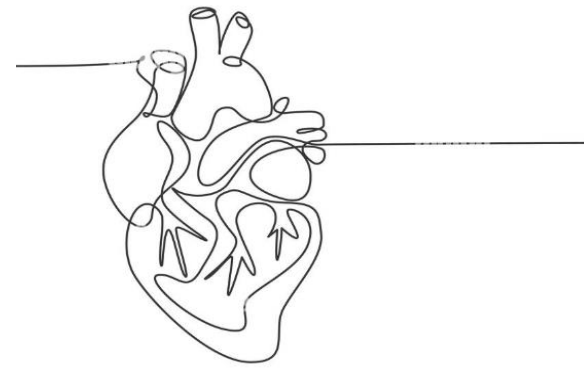
# WHAT IS THE HEART?



- ✓ *Kardia* | Greek | that is, (figuratively) the **thoughts or feelings (mind)**; also (by analogy) the middle
- ✓ Bible mentions the human heart almost 300 times. In essence, this is where our **emotions and desires dwell**
- ✓ The heart is used as a metaphor for the seat of our most basic orientation, our deepest commitments — **what we trust the most** (Proverbs 3:5; 23:26); it is what we most love and hope in, what we most treasure, what captures our imagination.
- ✓ The human **struggle / BATTLE** happens the heart. The great battle is deciding to what your heart's greatest love, hope, and trust will be directed.

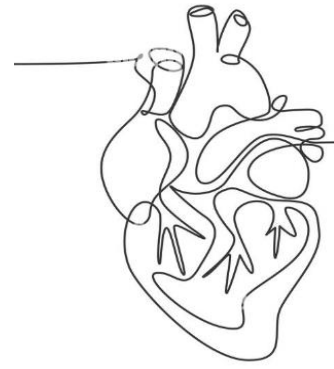


# WHAT IS THE HEART?



- ✓ Christian battle: God, devil; Evil, good; Pure, impure; Soft, hard; Honest, dishonest; Spirit, flesh etc.
- ✓ Heart - natural condition - is evil, treacherous and deceitful.  
**Jeremiah 17:9** says, “The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?” The fall has affected us at the deepest level; our mind, emotions and desires have been tainted by sin—without Christ blind to it.
- ✓ **SALVATION needed** – Give heart to the Lord | Now our hearts start to change.. By faith and power of God

# 2. A SOFT HEART



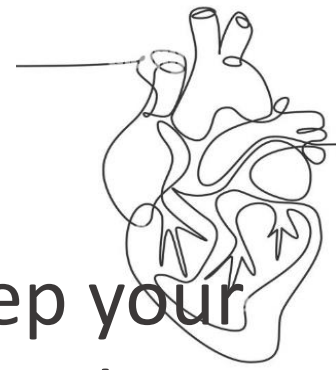
**Who is responsible for your heart?**

Each man must work out his salvation with fear and trembling..

**Proverbs 4:23 NIV** Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

- **HCSB** Guard your heart above all else, for it is the source of life.

- **MSG** Keep vigilant watch over your heart; that's where life starts. Don't talk out of both sides of your mouth; avoid careless banter, white lies, and gossip. Keep your eyes straight ahead; ignore all sideshow distractions. Watch your step, and the road will stretch out smooth before you. Look neither right nor left; leave evil in the dust.



**Looking at the World, clearly, we are in the last days:**

**2 Timothy 4:3-4** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.



“It is imperative that we *[our hearts]* do not become numb.”

\*Disorientated, hardened, emotionless, loveless, and faithless

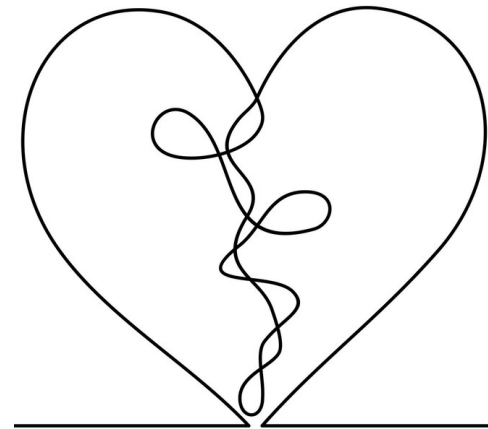
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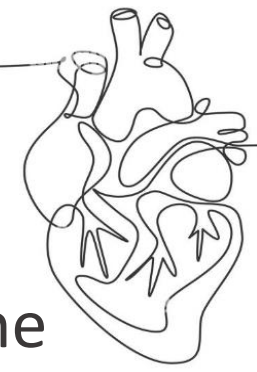


## 2.2 Hard hearts:

**1. Isaiah 6:10 NKJV** “Make the heart of this people dull\*,  
And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; Lest they see with their  
eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And  
return and be healed.”

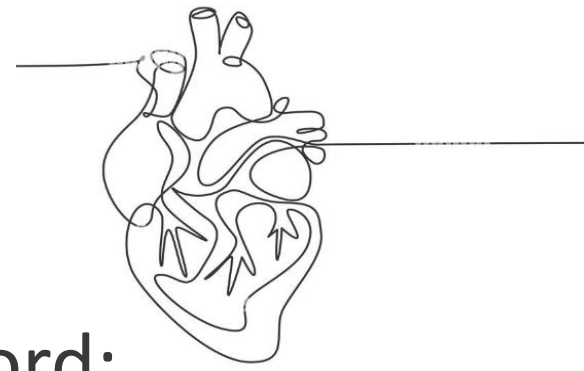
\*KJV – ‘make it fat’ | shaw-mane’ | From HEBREW | greasy, that is,  
gross; figuratively rich: - fat, lusty, plenteous.





**Matthew 13:10** And the disciples said to Him, why do You speak to them in parables? 11 He answered and said to them, Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven, but it is not given to them. 12 For whoever has, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance. But whoever does not have, from him shall be taken away even that which he has. 13 Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not; nor do they understand. 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah which said, "By hearing you shall hear and shall not understand; and seeing you shall see and shall not perceive; 15 for this people's heart has become gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and they have closed their eyes, lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." 16 **But blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear.** 17 **For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which you see, and have not seen them; and to hear what you hear, and have not heard them.**

## 2. Living the New Life



**Ephesians 4:17** Therefore, I say this and testify in the Lord:  
You should no longer walk as the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their thoughts. 18 They are darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them and because of the hardness of their hearts. 19 They became callous and gave themselves over to promiscuity for the practice of every kind of impurity with a desire for more and more.*[a] with greediness*

**Be careful: Lust and greediness I ‘More and more’**

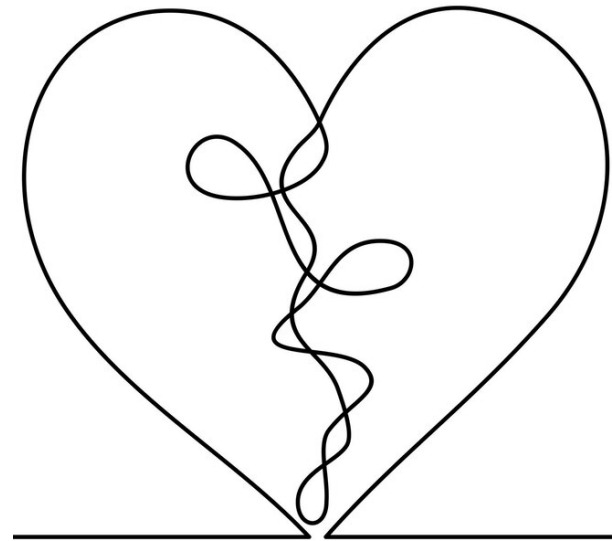


**3. Hebrews 3:7** Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you will hear His voice, 8 do not harden your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness, 9 when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years.

**‘They did not enter My rest because of unbelief’**

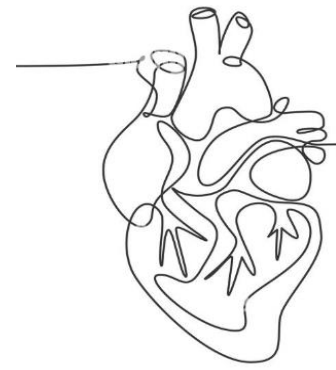
**The hard heart does not trust God**

- that makes us to be blind, dead and
- incapable of seeing and living the ways of the Kingdom



## 2.3 Soft hearts:

...Is a heart changed by God – humble, teachable, submissive, guarded, seeking, honest, open, close...

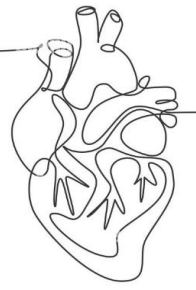


**It is malleable, surrendered, claylike in the hands of the Potter**

*A soft heart knows its place. A soft heart understands true humility. A soft heart knows who it is before God, knows it is dust, knows it is equally guilty of all the things it wants to keep record of when it comes to the hurts inflicted by others. A soft heart knows if it kept an honest record of wrongs, it could not stand but for the covering of Jesus. - Glenna Marshal*



**1. The heart that acknowledges and seeks help from God:**



**- God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the Saints of God -**

**Ezekiel 36:26 ESV** And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

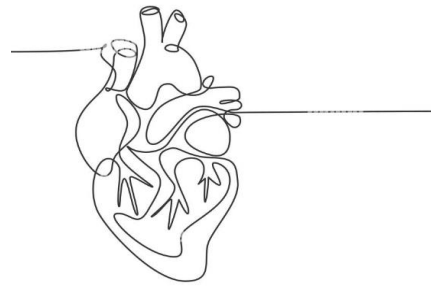
**Proverbs 28:14 ESV** Blessed is the one who fears the Lord always, but whoever hardens his heart will fall into calamity.

**2. Submits humbly to God and His ways: PRAYER**

**Psalms 51:10 ESV** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

### 3. Asks to be tested:

*‘Teach me Your ways so that I may live by Your truth’*



**Psalms 19:14 ESV** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

### 4. The Word:

**Hebrews 4:12 ESV** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

# THE SOFT HEART . . .

**Has the Fear of God**

**Heart that Prays**

**Repents**

**Thankful and content**

**Walks in the Light**

**Obedient to Jesus**

**Led by the Holy Spirit**

**Submissive and teachable**

**Loves the Word**

**Seeks Jesus in ALL**

**Loves**

**Forgives**

**Trusts God**

**Do not judge unjustly**

**Dead to self and selfless**

**Builds the Kingdom**

**Is humble**

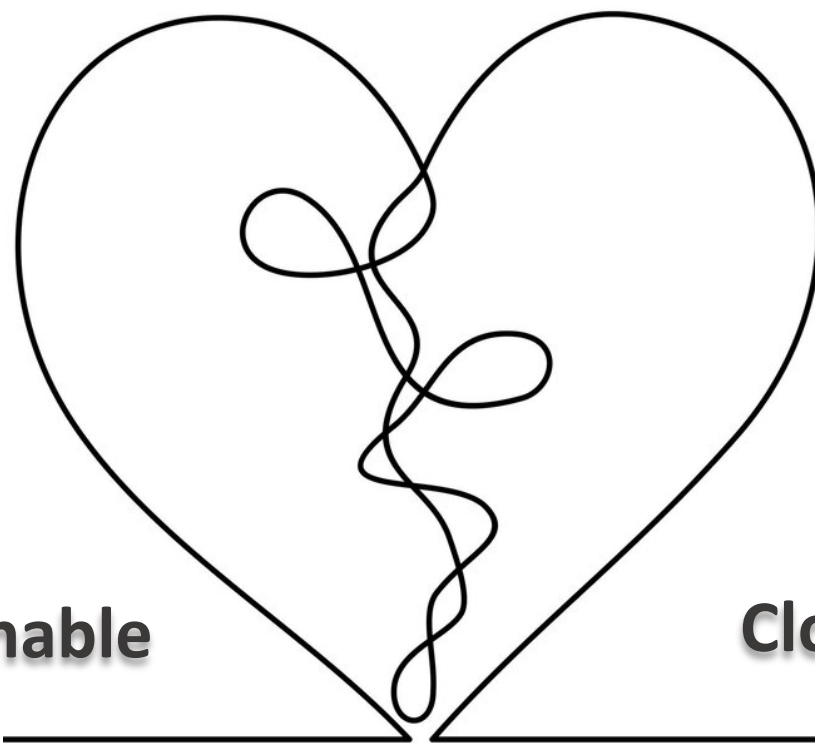
**Allows grace to flow**

**Regards others higher**

**Bears the fruit of the Spirit**

**Walks in accountability**

**Close to God**



# HARVESTER HEARTS Prayer

