

THE WORD FOR LIFE - SERMON NOTES

What Do I Do When...#6 My Heart Is Hard By Louie Marsh, 10-13-2009

What Should I Do When My Heart Is Hard?

1) _____ a biblical view of my heart

Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV)

Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! Deuteronomy 6:5 (MSG)

2) _____ for the causes of a hard heart.

Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

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Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:14-15 (NIV)

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With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?" Acts 5:2-3 (NIV)

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Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. Psalms 86:11 (NIV)

How to Soften My Heart:

1) Give my heart to Jesus.

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But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:8-10 (NIV)

- As a _____

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalms 51:17 (NIV)

- Let God _____

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. 2 Corinthians 1:8-9 (NIV)

2) _____ in Christ.

...Put me together, one heart and mind; then, undivided, I'll worship in joyful fear. Psalms 86:11 (MSG)
1 Chronicles 12:33 (NASB)

I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 11:19 (NIV)

3) _____ to repress my pain.

- Learn to do two things with what hurts me

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When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Selah Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD"-- and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah Psalms 32:3-5 (NIV)

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The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, Isaiah 61:1 (NIV)