

Responding to Kingdom Call (8/10)

- Ezekiel 36:24f says, “For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a ***new heart and put a new spirit*** in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and **move** you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”
- Jer 32:37-41 says, “but this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ³⁷ I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in my furious anger and great wrath; I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. ³⁸ They will be my people, and I will be their God. ³⁹ I will give them singleness of heart and action, so that they will always fear me for their own good and the good of their children after them. ⁴⁰ I will make an everlasting covenant with them: I will never stop doing good to them, and I will ***inspire them*** to fear me, so that they will never turn away from me. ⁴¹ I will rejoice in doing them good and will assuredly plant them in this land with all my heart and soul.”

The idea of responding to God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and all your strength has been a characteristic of following God. It would be natural to think about the Law being written on the heart. How does God accomplish the writing? What makes one heart writable, while others are not?

Fallow Ground

- Jer 3:6-4:3
- Hos 10:12
- Parable of Sower - Luke 8:1-15

Acknowledging God

- Jer 32:37-41 / Hosea 11:1-4 Compare with Rom 1:18-23
- Matt 21:33-44 (Parable of the Tenants)
- Ezek 20 – I gave them.....but they...

Acknowledging Sin

- 2 Sam 12 – David & Nathan
- Luke 15:20 – Parable of Sons

Acknowledging Others

- Good Samaritan -Luke 10:25-37
- Sheep & Goats - Matt 25:31f