



Sermon Notes

Season of Healing
September 17, 2023

Deuteronomy 6:5-6

⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.

With God, it's always been about our hearts.

Our heart is the place where we know truth.

Heart is used in Scripture as the most comprehensive term for the authentic person. It is the part of our being where we desire, deliberate, and decide. It has been described as "the place of conscious and decisive spiritual activity," "the comprehensive term for a person as a whole; the feelings, desires, passions, thought, understanding and will," and "the center of a person. The place to which God turns."

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God wants our hearts!

Isaiah 29:13

¹³ The Lord says:

*"These people come near to me with their mouth
and honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.*

All we can do for ourselves is behavior modification. We cannot heal ourselves.

We need a heart restart.

You are not in charge of the rhythms of your heart – you are subject to them. You do not have the ability to change them.

God, restart my heart!

Psalm 51:10

¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

