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"DON'T FOLLOW YOUR HEART"

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THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS AND
BEYOND CURE. WHO CAN UNDERSTAND IT?

JEREMIAH 17:9

1. OUR _____ CANNOT BE _____

(JEREMIAH 17:5-9; PROVERBS 28:26; 1 CORINTHIANS 4:4-5).

THREE LEVELS OF DECEPTION:

- ◆ WE DECEIVE _____.
- ◆ WE DECEIVE _____.
- ◆ WE EVEN _____ TO DECEIVE _____.

2. WHAT WE _____ IN OUR _____

IS WHAT _____ OUT.

(LUKE 6:43-45; MATTHEW 15:16-20; 6:21)

3. WE MUST FOLLOW _____ HEART.

(JEREMIAH 17:5-9; PSALM 1:1-6; PROVERBS 3:5-8; PSALM 37:4)

WE DO THIS BY...

- ◆ _____ AND _____
- SCRIPTURE TO _____ AREA OF OUR LIVES.

"IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE WORD,
THE WORD WILL NOT BE IN YOU."

- ◆ BEING _____.
- ◆ _____ HIM _____.
- ◆ SEEING OUR _____ AS _____.

BOTTOM LINE: CAN I EVER FOLLOW MY HEART?

YES, BUT ONLY IF...

- ◆ I HAVE _____ THE FLESH WITH ITS
_____ AND _____.
- ◆ I _____ IN THE LORD, HAVING HIM AS
MY GREATEST _____, AND
PASSIONATELY PURSUE _____ TO
HIS HEART AND HIS _____.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- ◆ HOW DO I BELIEVE MY LIFE WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF I BEGAN TO FOLLOW GOD'S HEART? WHAT FEARS DO I HAVE ABOUT FOLLOWING GOD'S HEART?
- ◆ WHAT LIES HAVE I BELIEVED ABOUT MY HEART?
- ◆ WHAT THINGS, BE SPECIFIC, MUST I "PUT OFF" (SINS I MUST CONFESS) IF I'M GOING TO FOLLOW GOD'S HEART?

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1. OUR **HEARTS** CANNOT BE **TRUSTED**

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THREE LEVELS OF DECEPTION:

- ◆ WE DECEIVE **OURSELVES**.
- ◆ WE DECEIVE **OTHERS**.
- ◆ WE EVEN **ATTEMPT** TO DECEIVE **GOD**.

2. WHAT WE **STORE** IN OUR **HEARTS** IS WHAT **COMES** OUT.

(LUKE 6:43-45; MATTHEW 15:16-20; 6:21)

3. WE MUST FOLLOW **GOD'S** HEART.

(JEREMIAH 17:5-9; PSALM 1:1-6; PROVERBS 3:5-8; PSALM 37:4)

WE DO THIS BY...

- ◆ **KNOWING** AND **APPLYING**
SCRIPTURE TO **EVERY** AREA OF OUR LIVES.

"IF YOU ARE NOT IN THE WORD,
THE WORD WILL NOT BE IN YOU."

- ◆ BEING **SINGLE-MINDED**.
- ◆ **TRUSTING** HIM **COMPLETELY**.
- ◆ SEEING OUR **WEAKNESSES** AS **STRENGTHS**.

BOTTOM LINE: CAN I EVER FOLLOW MY HEART?

YES, BUT ONLY IF...

- ◆ I HAVE **CRUCIFIED** THE FLESH WITH ITS
PASSIONS AND **DESIRES**.
- ◆ I **DELIGHT** IN THE LORD, HAVING HIM AS
MY GREATEST **TREASURE**, AND
PASSIONATELY PURSUE **SUBMITTING** TO
HIS HEART AND HIS **DESIRES**.

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