



A Transformed Heart

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THE EXPONENTIAL POWER OF LOVING GOD

And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. – Mark 12:30 NLT

Our Need for a Heart Transplant

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. – Ezekiel 36:26 NLT

Orthopathy: A right alignment of our emotions

Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me— now let me rejoice. ⁹ Don't keep looking at my sins. Remove the stain of my guilt. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. – Psalm 51:8-10 NLT

With All Your Heart...

- **My Heart Belongs to You!**

Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. – Ephesians 3:17 NLT

All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. – John 14:23 NLT

- I Love You THIS MUCH!

Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. ¹⁸And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. – Ephesians 3:17-18 NLT

- There's No Substitute for Experience.

May you experience the love of Christ... – Ephesians 3:19 NLT

Albert Einstein: "The only source of knowledge is experience."

- My Head Gets in the Way...

...though it is too great to understand fully. – Ephesians 3:19 NLT

- You Complete Me!

Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. – Ephesians 3:19 NLT

My Next Step This Week...

- Memorize **Ephesians 3:18.**
- Engage in activities this week that might trigger an emotional response to God.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.

Walk the Talk

A Growth Group Guide

1. Who was your first crush? Was it a serious romance, or a fleeting infatuation?
2. Practically speaking, what does it mean to you to “love the Lord your God”?
3. What are some ways that your emotions get out of alignment with God’s heart? What helps you to get them back into alignment?
4. What is the most significant emotional experience that you’ve ever had with God?
5. Are you more rational or more emotional in how you relate to God?
6. What action steps can you take to awaken your heart to loving God more?