

# A Warrior's Notes

## A Hard Heart and The Voice of God

“O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.”— **Isaiah 63:17**

“And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?”—**Mark 8:17**

Both Isaiah and the Lord Jesus speak of a dangerous spiritual condition — a heart that becomes hardened toward God's voice.

In **Isaiah 63**, God's people had wandered so long in stubbornness that their hearts had become dull to His fear. They were still religious, but no longer responsive. So the prophet cries, “Return for thy servants' sake...” — a plea for God to soften what sin had hardened.

In **Mark 8**, the disciples had just witnessed miracles, yet were anxious about bread. Jesus rebukes them — not for hunger, but for forgetting who He is.

A hardened heart is not always rebellion — sometimes it is spiritual forgetfulness. When hearts grow hard: We forget God's past faithfulness. We misinterpret present trials. We lose spiritual perception. Hard hearts see facts but miss faith. They hear words but miss meaning.

God must sometimes shake us, convict us, or humble us to restore spiritual sensitivity.

Pharaoh (**Exodus 7–14**).

Pharaoh saw: The plagues , The power of God, The deliverance of Israel. Yet “Pharaoh hardened his heart” (**Exodus 8:15**). Each time God spoke, Pharaoh resisted — until his heart became incapable of repentance. Repeated resistance produces spiritual blindness.

The Two on the Road to Emmaus (**Luke 24:13–32**). After the resurrection, two disciples walked in sorrow, unable to recognize Christ. Their eyes were holden. But when Jesus opened the Scriptures, their hearts burned within them.

A hard heart is softened when: The Word is opened , Christ is revealed , Truth is believed. What sorrow had clouded, Scripture clarified.

Have I stopped expecting God to work? Do I reason in fear instead of resting in faith? Has disappointment made me dull toward His voice? A hardened heart is not cured by time — It is healed by repentance, remembrance, and renewed trust.

**Psalm 95:8** – “Harden not your heart...” May God give us tender hearts and open eyes to see His hand in every circumstance.