

**Psalms of Summer**  
**When willpower is not enough**  
**06/07/26- Pastor Zach**  
**Psalm 73: 1-18, 21-28, James 1:14-15, Luke 15:11-32,**  
**Philippians 4:8**

**Connect:** Where have you tried or are trying to do life on your own? Where do you need to have God search your heart.

**Engage:** Take a few minutes to prayerfully read through these passages What is standing out to you?

It is important to pursue your heart.

Zach talked about 3 reminders as we sit with these passages.

1. We need our hearts to be open before God. vs. 1
  - a. Where do you need to come clean before God and who are you willing to be vulnerable with?
  - b. Can you experience God's grace after your confession of sin? Why or why not.
  - c. Is it hard for you to take time to reflect how your inner world is faring? Why is that?
- Anne Lamott – "Everyone is screwed up, broken, clingy, and scared even the people who more or less have it together. So try not to compare your insides to other people's outsides. "
  - d. What do you think of this statement?
  - e. What do you think of the statement that suffering is about faith?
  - f. Jen Wilkien "We are the belated announcement of what we have been thinking about for the past 30 days." Do you fixate on what you do not have or want, instead of being grateful? What do you think the Lord is saying about that?
2. We ask God for an awakening because our sin blinds us.
  - a. Where do you need to ask God for an awakening?
  - b. Are you brave enough to have God search your heart? Where do you wrestle a brute beast in your life?
  - c. John Ortberg "Sin is the only disease in which the victim with the disease as a symptom of the disease does not believe that he/she has despite evidence to the contrary." What do you think of that statement? Where is God asking you think about this.
3. We need to help from the outside to wake up.
  - a. Where do you need help to wake up? Where are you like the prodigal son?
  - b. How can I allow God and others to speak into my life?

**Apply:** What is the invitation for you this week? Where do you need to have God search your heart? Where do you need to share your heart with others?