

Lifehouse Church

Maximize Christ Potential in You



THE HEART OF THE MATTER

A SERIES ON RENEWING YOUR HEART

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O GOD.

PSALM 51:10



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PART 2 RECAP

We looked at three conditions that **develop** a **hard-heart** (resistant to God).

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1

THE FAMILIAR HEART



We stop being **amazed** at God's wonder.

2

THE DIVIDED HEART



Other things **compete** for our **affection** for God.

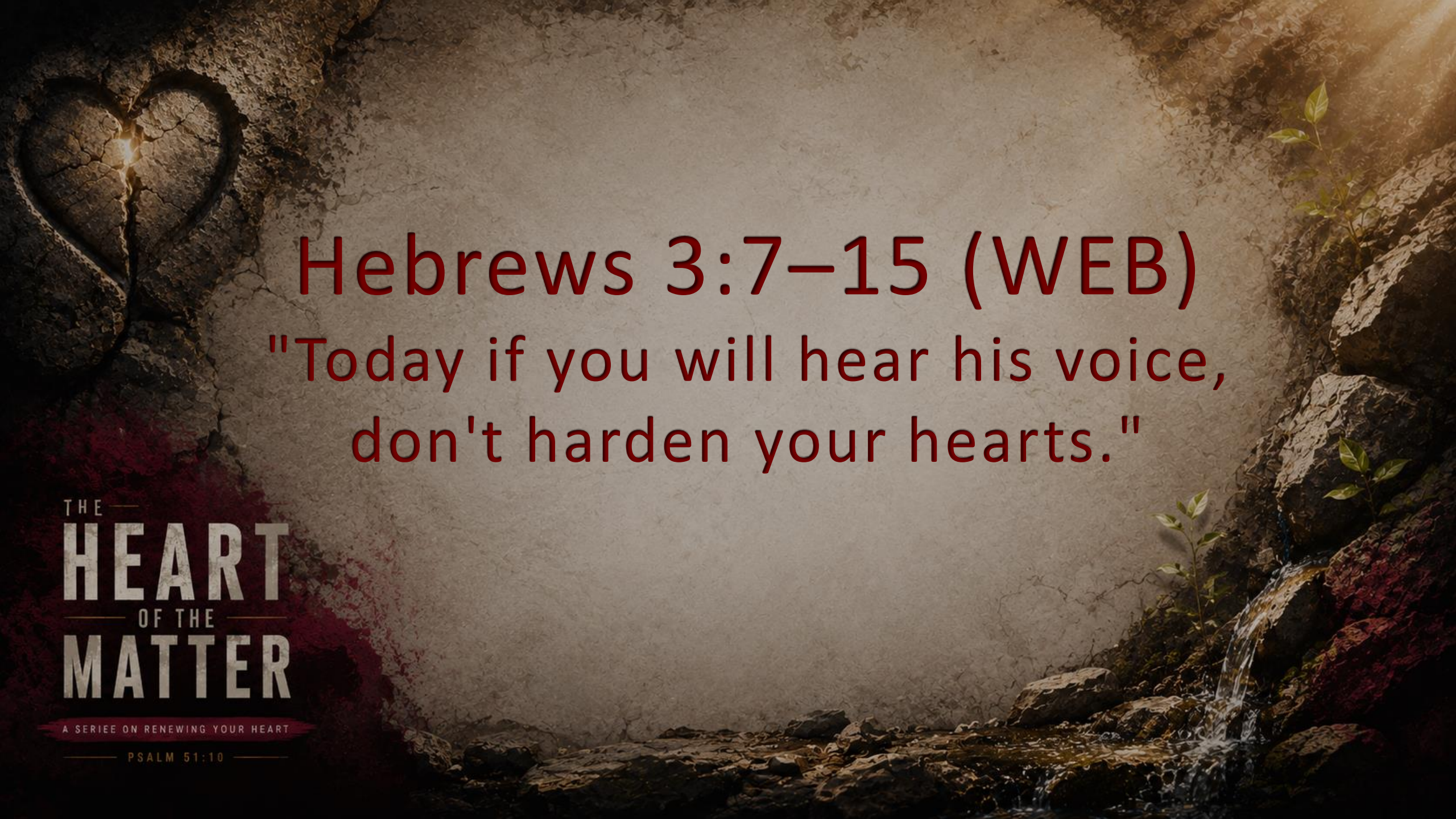
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THE UNRESPONSIVE HEART



We can hear God – **without responding** to God.

TODAY IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, DON'T HARDEN YOUR HEART. **HEBREWS 3:15**



Hebrews 3:7–15 (WEB)

"Today if you will hear his voice,
don't harden your hearts."

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Main Question

WHAT SOFTENS THE HEART?

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Ezekiel 36:25–27 (WEB)

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you.

I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. I will put my Spirit within you,

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BIG IDEA

God doesn't just want to **expose** a hard heart.
He wants to **restore** a tender heart.



EXPOSE THE HARDNESS

God shines light on what
has hardened our heart.



RESTORE THE TENDERNESS

God replaces the stone
with a heart that loves Him.

I WILL GIVE YOU A NEW HEART AND PUT A NEW SPIRIT IN YOU. EZEKIEL 36:26

THE GAME PLAN

TO REMEMBER



1

COME CLEAN



Confess what has hardened your heart.

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2

COME CLOSE



Draw **near** to God daily.
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3

LET GO



Release the pain, the past and what you can't control.
Trust God with your future.



GOD DOESN'T JUST WANT TO EXPOSE A HARD HEART. HE WANTS TO **RESTORE A TENDER HEART.**

1

COME CLEAN

CONFESS. RECEIVE FORGIVENESS. WALK IN FREEDOM.

“If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from
all unrighteousness.

1 JOHN 1:9 (NLT)

COME CLEAN MEANS:



CONFESS
what has hardened
your heart.



RECEIVE
God's forgiveness
and cleansing.



WALK
in the freedom
He provides.



YOU CAN'T HEAL WHAT YOU WON'T REVEAL.
GOD ALREADY KNOWS.

*He's not trying to expose you,
He's trying to restore you.*



WHEN WE **COME CLEAN**, GOD MAKES US **CLEAN**.



CLEANSSED HEART



RESTORED
RELATIONSHIP



FREEDOM TO
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KING DAVID PRAYED...

PSALM 51:10 (NLT)

“CREATE IN ME
A CLEAN HEART, O GOD.



RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT
WITHIN ME.”



A CLEAN HEART
GOD FORGIVES.



A RIGHT SPIRIT
GOD RENEWS.



A NEW LIFE
GOD TRANSFORMS.

GOD DOESN'T JUST CHANGE WHAT
YOU DO—HE CHANGES WHO YOU ARE.

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Durable



Quality
Materials



Good
Reflection



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YOU CAN'T HEAL WHAT YOU REFUSE TO EXPOSE.



EXPOSURE
BRINGS TRUTH.



TRUTH
BRINGS HEALING.



HEALING
BRINGS FREEDOM.

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RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.

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Application Question

What have I been covering
that God has been exposing?

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POINT 2

COME CLOSE

DRAW NEAR TO GOD.
HE DESIRES RELATIONSHIP, NOT RELIGION.



DRAW NEAR

Don't just try
harder—come
closer.



SPEND TIME IN HIS WORD

Let His truth
shape your heart.



SEEK HIS PRESENCE

Be still. Listen.
Be with Him.



EXPERIENCE HIS LOVE

You can't obey
what you don't
believe.

“COME NEAR TO GOD, AND HE WILL COME NEAR TO YOU. | JAMES 4:8”

“BE STILL,
AND KNOW THAT
I AM GOD.”

PSALM 46:10





Luke 10:41–42 (WEB)

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her."

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BIG IDEA

WHATEVER
CONTINUALLY
CAPTURES MY
ATTENTION...
EVENTUALLY
COMPETES FOR MY
AFFECTION.



YOU LOOK.
It gets your
attention.



YOU THINK.
It occupies
your mind.



YOU FEEL.
It shapes your
emotions.



YOU CHOOSE.
It influences your
decisions.



YOU LOVE.
It takes the place
of what matters most.

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POINT 3

LET GO
RELEASE WHAT
HARDENS YOU.
RECEIVE WHAT
HE RESTORES.



LET GO
of sin,
shame, and
bitterness.



SURRENDER
to God's
forgiveness
and grace.



MAKE ROOM
for His Spirit
to renew
you.



WALK FREE
in the life
He intended
for you.

➤ **WHEN YOU LET GO, GOD HAS ROOM TO RESTORE.**

"CAST ALL YOUR
ANXIETY ON HIM,
BECAUSE HE CARES
FOR YOU."

1 PETER 5:7



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NAOMI RETURNS

RUTH 1:18-21

*"Don't call me Naomi," she said.
"Call me Mara, because the
Almighty has made my life very bitter."*

— Ruth 1:20 (NLT)

SHE RETURNED HOME
WITH A NEW IDENTITY
NOT **NAOMI** "PLEASANT"
BUT **MARA** "BITTER"



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BIG IDEA:

BE CAREFUL
THAT SOMETHING THAT
HAPPENS TO YOU...

DOESN'T BECOME SOMETHING
THAT DEFINES YOU.



**IT CAN
HAPPEN.**

Life brings pain.



**IT CAN
HURT.**

Pain is real.



**IT CAN'T
DEFINE YOU.**

Your identity
is in Christ.



**GOD CAN
REDEEM IT.**

He turns your
story around.



**YOU CAN
MOVE FORWARD.**

Don't live in yesterday's
pain.





Proverbs 4:23(WEB)

Keep your heart with all diligence,
for out of it is the wellspring of life.

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— TRUTH STATEMENT —
**WHEN WE ALLOW
A DEFEAT TO
DEFINE OUR HEART...**

**WE BEGIN LIVING
AS THOUGH
DEFEAT DEFINES
OUR FUTURE.**



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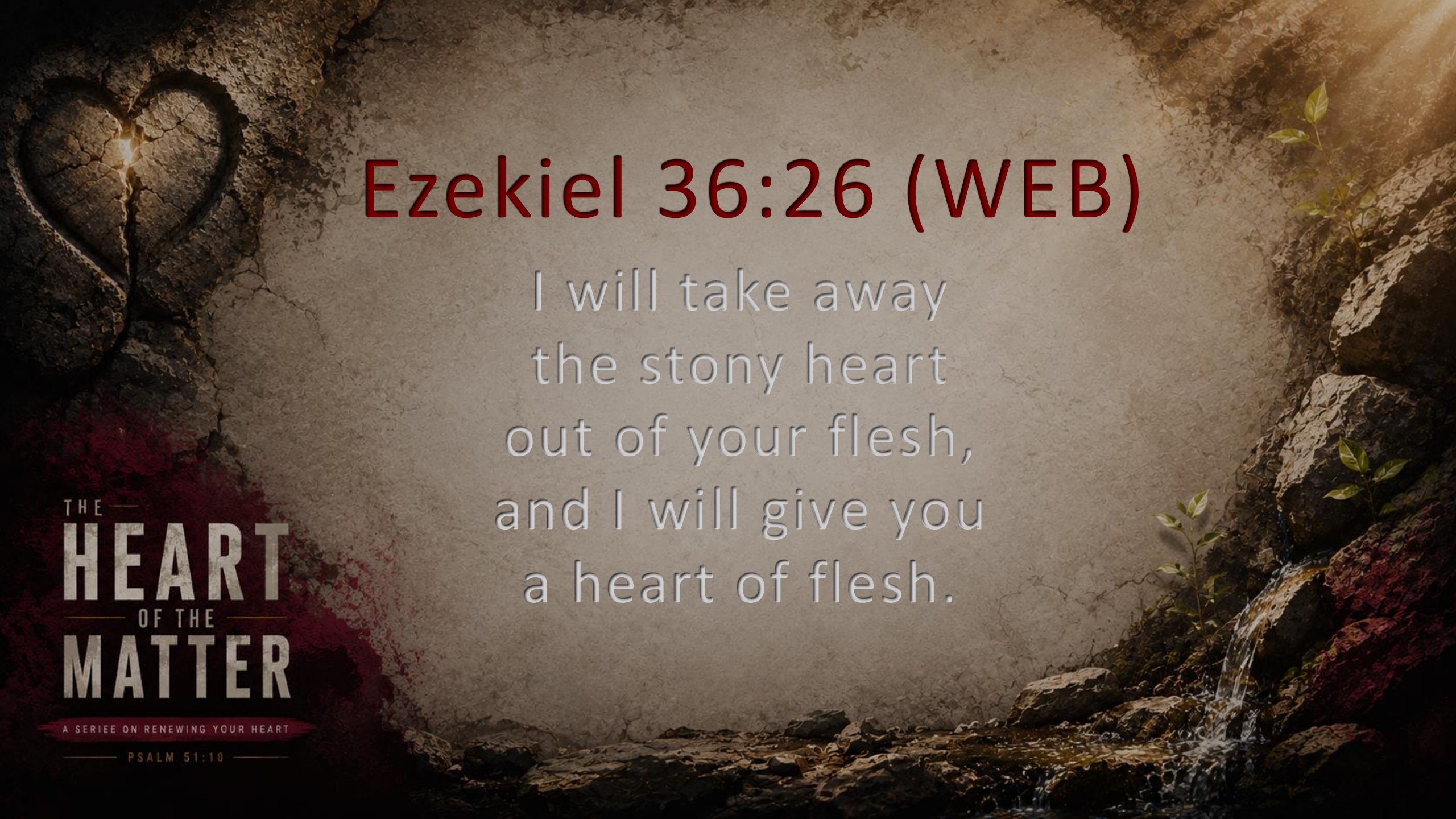
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