

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia Message...

#### New Heart - New Spirit

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor  
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- **To experience the life God intended we need something new!**

#### What is that new thing we so desperately need?

Ezekiel 36:22-27 (NLT) “Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign Lord: I am bringing you back, but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, on which you brought shame while you were scattered among the nations. <sup>23</sup> I will show how holy my great name is—the name on which you brought shame among the nations. And when I reveal my holiness through you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign Lord, then the nations will know that I am the Lord. <sup>24</sup> For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land. <sup>25</sup> “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. <sup>26</sup> 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. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.”

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#### What is the condition of your heart today?

Acts 2:38 (NLT) “Peter replied, ‘Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

- **God gives us a new Heart & a new Spirit so we can fulfill our purpose.**

Genesis 18:18 (NLT) “For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him.”

Exodus 19:6 (NLT) “...you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

Isaiah 60:1-3

1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) “But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God’s very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.”

- **God gives us a new Heart & a new Spirit so we can follow Jesus.**

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“Philippians 2:12b (NLT) “Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”

- **Jesus doesn't just improve our old nature - He imparts an entirely new nature.**

Romans 10:9-13 (NLT) “If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. <sup>11</sup> As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” <sup>12</sup> Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup> For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

**Big Idea: Trust in Jesus Christ and He will make you new.**



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- 3) Read Ezekiel 36:22-27 What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage? What is God promising in this passage and how is this fulfilled?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What does it mean for us as we place our faith in Jesus Christ? What does it mean to have a new heart that is "tender and responsive" to God? How does the image of baptism by immersion help us better understand what we have been given in Christ?
- 6) Read Phil. 2:12 and Romans 10:9-13. How do these passages encourage you and challenge you in your relationship with God?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? What specific action step is God asking you to take in light of this teaching?
- 8) What steps will you take this week to embrace the new heart and new Spirit made possible by Jesus Christ? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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