

Causes/Remedies of a Hardened Heart

Persistent sin and rebellion (Hebrews 3:13)	Repentance and turning back to God (Eze 18:31)
Refusing to listen to God (Zech 7:11-12)	Listening to and receiving God's Word (Hebrews 4:12)
Pride and self-reliance (Daniel 5:20)	Humility before God (James 4:6)
Unbelief / lack of faith (Hebrews 3:19)	Faith and trust in God (Proverbs 3:5)
Bitterness and unforgiveness (Eph 4:31)	Forgiveness and compassion (Ephesians 4:32)
Trauma (Gen 37)	Receiving Comfort and inner healing (Ps 34:18, Ps 56:8, Matt 11:28, Phil 4:6-7)
Deceitfulness of riches & worldly worries (Matt 13)	Contentment and trusting God (1 Tim 6:17-19, Matthew 6:25-34)

Life Application:

- Hardening usually comes from _____

- Softening comes from _____
and _____

Ezekiel 36:26-27

A HEART LIKE A MOTHER

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Isaiah 66:12-13

For thus says the Lord: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip, and bounced upon her knees.

As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

Jesus Feeds the 5,000

Mark 6:30-34 The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, ***"Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while."*** For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

A key ingredient to seeing the miraculous is

_____.

σπλαγχνίζομαι- *splagchnizomai* - to be moved as to one's bowels, hence to be moved with compassion, have compassion (for the bowels were thought to be the seat of love and pity)

Mark 6:35-37

And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy **two hundred denarii** worth of bread and give it to them to eat?"

Jesus gave them a command, they responded with _____, _____ and an _____ why they can't do it.

Jesus Walks on the Water

Mark 6:45-51 Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were **utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.**

*Same time on the lake when Peter asked Jesus to tell him to come out on the water in Matthew 14.

ἐκθαμβέω - ekthambeó - signifying being struck with deep awe, horror, or fear

The Disciples hardened their hearts...

- **Failure to " _____ "**
- **Focus on _____, Not _____**
- **Limited _____**
- **Failure to understand how much _____**