MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **A Fresh Start from the Inside Out**
Series**:** **Chasing Something Better**
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6 But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since ***the new covenant is established on better promises.*** *7 For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. 8 But God found fault with the people and said:*

> *"The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. 9 It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. 10 This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 11 No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. 12 For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*

13 By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear. (Hebrews 8:3-13)

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1. THE PROBLEM IS THE _____

For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. 8 But ***God found fault with the people*** *and said: (7-8)*

- A law on a tablet can tell you what's _____. It can't make you _____**what's right.**

"Judah's **sin is engraved** with an iron tool, inscribed with a flint point, on **the tablets of their hearts"** (Jeremiah 17:1).

- God's law was written on _____. Sin was written on the _____.

The heart is ***deceitful above all things*** *and beyond cure. (Je 17:9).*

2. GOD PROMISES A HEART _____

*This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. **I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.** (Heb. 8:10)*

*"I will remove from you **your heart of stone** and give you **a heart of flesh**" (Ezekiel 36:26).*

*"If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: **The old has gone, the new is here**!" (2 Corinthians 5:17).*

I will be their God, and they will be my people. (Heb. 8:10b)

3. GOD FORGIVES AND _____

*For **I will forgive their wickedness** and **will remember their sins no more**." (Heb. 8:12)*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the **east is from the west**, so far has **he removed our transgressions** from us. (Ps 103:11–12).*

4. FORGIVEN IS NOT THE FINISH_____.

This is the covenant I will establish with the people of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. (Hebrews 8:10)

- **The new covenant doesn't just forgive** what you've done. God _____ his law on your heart to change who you are.
- Forgiveness **changes your** _____. A new heart **changes your** _____

*By calling this covenant **"new,"** he has made the **first one obsolete**; and what is obsolete and outdated will soon disappear. (Hebrews 8:13)*

- *We are tempted to go back to _____: keeping rules to feel okay about ourselves, **managing our sin instead of surrendering our hearts**. God has already called that outdated.*