



The Unseen Controls The Seen



1 Kings 2:13-25

Adonijah A Man Who Could Not Let Go

- Adonijah: I Will Be King **1 Kings 1:5: He Took on the roll**
- David: Your Son Solomon Will Be King After Me 1 Kings 1:30
- People: Long Live King Solomon 1 Kings 1:39
- Solomon: Anointed King A Gihon 1 Kings 1:45
- Adonijah: Is Afraid And Runs To The Alter 1 Kings 1:50
- Solomon: Grants Adonijah Mercy and Sends Him Home 1 Kings 1:53

Adonijah's Story Does Not End With Mercy Received In Ch 1



“Build A Bridge And Get Over It”



“Stop Pulling The Scab Off The Wound”



Stop Reopening Doors You Closed



Stop Reading The Story Over and Over

“The Unchanged Heart”

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 2:13-25

CHURCH OF CHRIST
at Long Creek

**Are You Really Over It?
Did You Really Let Go of It?**

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1 WHAT'S INSIDE WILL EVENTUALLY COME OUT

Then he said, "You know that the kingdom was mine"
1 Kings 2:15



1 WHAT'S INSIDE WILL EVENTUALLY COME OUT

**ONE OF THE HARDEST THING TO ACCEPT IS THAT
What I Wanted Is Not What God Wanted For Me.**



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1 WHAT'S INSIDE WILL EVENTUALLY COME OUT

Because sometimes our own words reveal:
I LET IT GO—BUT IT HASN'T LET GO OF ME



MY DESIRES

MY PLANS

MY WAY

WHAT I WANT

GOD'S WILL

HIS PLANS

HIS WAY

WHAT HE WANTS

2

WHEN THE HEART
WANTS WHAT
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**“Please speak to King Solomon...
that he may give me Abishag the Shunammite as wife.”**



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WHEN THE HEART WANTS WHAT THE HEART WANTS

“Go in to your father’s concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong.” ²² So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel. 2 Sam 16:21-22



2

WHEN THE HEART WANTS WHAT THE HEART WANTS

Solomon made the Connection 1 Kings 2:22

“ask for him the kingdom also, for he *is* my older brother”



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WHEN THE HEART WANTS WHAT THE HEART WANTS

His Hands Had Let Go But Something Inside Was Holding On
How/Why Does Proverbs 4:23 Say we are to guard our hearts?



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WHEN THE HEART WANTS WHAT THE HEART WANTS

SOMETIMES WHAT I DESIRE IS NOT GOD'S WILL FOR ME

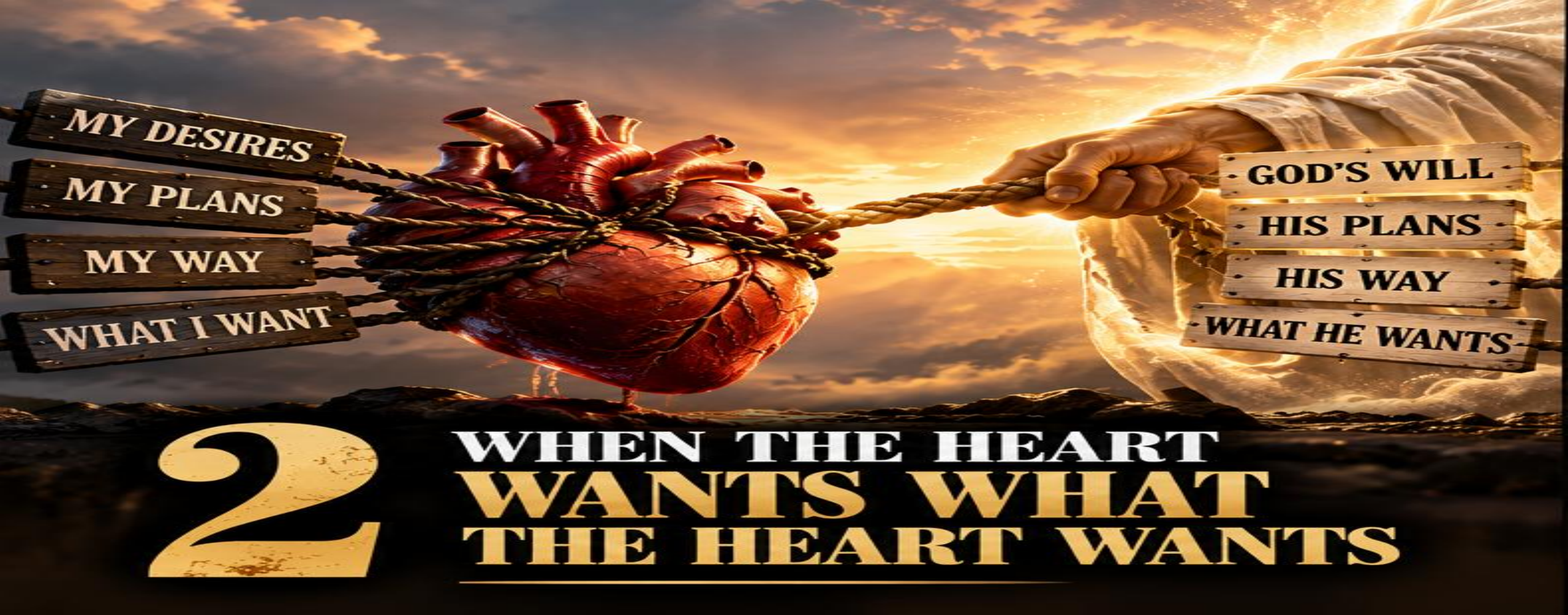
Someone Must Surrender When My Desire Conflicts God's Will



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WHEN THE HEART WANTS WHAT THE HEART WANTS

“O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me;
nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” Matthew 26:39



Faith Says:

God What I want Will Not Become Greater Than What You Want
“You Can’t Have Everything You Want”

3 REAL CHANGE GOES DEEPER THAN BEHAVIOR



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HAVE I CHANGED

Consequences Can Make You Stop

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***“Create In Me a clean heart, O God and renew
a STEADFAST SPIRIT within in me” Psalm 51:10***

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What David Understood

The Problem is not just what I did

Lord Deal with WHAT'S IN ME that allowed me to do it.



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DEAL WITH THE ROOT





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2 **WHEN THE HEART
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What Are You Still Reaching For



It's Time To Surrender "Let It Go"