Transformed: From a Hard Heart to a Pure Heart

Reflect

- When you hear the word "heart" what do you think of?
- Describe a pure heart.
- What things have you put your heart into?

Read Your Bible

Psalm 51:10-12, Matthew 13:14-17

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Why does God desire for us to have a pure heart?
2. In what ways does a hardened heart affect our ability to see and to hear clearly?
3. In what ways have you hardened your own heart?
4. Think of a time when God used something that had broken your heart to get your attention. What did it produce?
5. In what way would God desire our heart to be broken? What is our heart to break from?
6. How do we allow God to purify our hearts? How do we allow God to give us a new heart? (See Psalm 119:11)

Being wounded by someone you never would have imagined is an exceedingly difficult thing. This can lead to a hardening of your heart for fear of it getting hurt again. It can impact many of your relationships that follow. The process of God working and softening your heart can be a beautiful, yet painful experience. God so often uses our broken hearts because it is such a painful experience. In fact, it drives us to our knees pleading to get relief from the pain. God meets us where we are at and then begins to heal us, moving us forward and closer to Him. God also desires our hearts to break for another reason—that being our sin. Not for us to wallow in our pain, but to driving us to Him. So that we can experience God's beautiful forgiveness and be set free from our own sin and live into the amazing grace that God has for us.

Pray

Gracious God, we come before You and acknowledge our need for You, for Your forgiveness from our sin, for You to be our Lord and Savior. We thank You for Your beautiful heart. Purify our hearts that we can have a heart like Yours. We thank You for the cross; for making a way for us to be made right before You. So that we can live in a relationship with You, the Creator of the Universe. In Jesus' name. Amen.