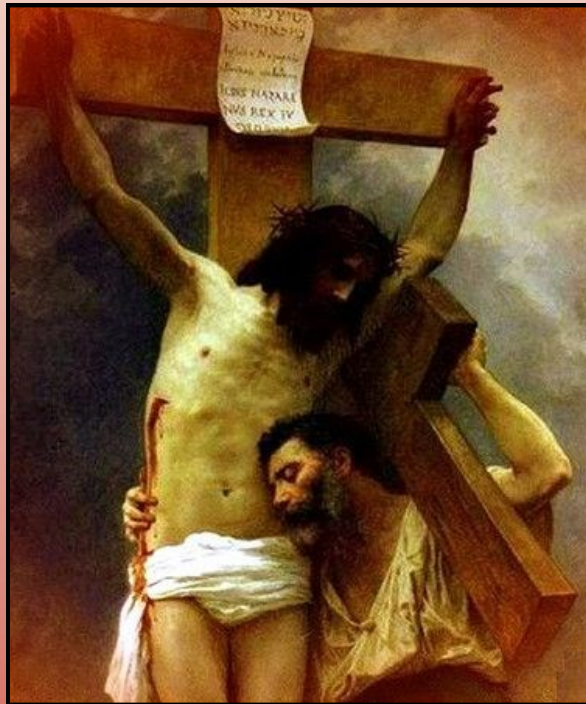


# *“Closer To His Heart”*



*Personal Meditations*

## *Preface*

*The Lord impressed on my heart that the theme for our 2015 Ireland conference should be “Closer To His Heart”. Initially I thought that was a nice theme, and continued with my usual ministry preparations. As time went on I began to realize that this theme actually did come straight from the heart of Jesus! He wants His Body and Bride to seek and know and receive His very Heart in greater depths than we have yet known. I find myself being overcome, day by day, moment by moment, with the heart of Jesus. Now the greatest preparation for this ministry and my supreme desire is simply to press into the mark of His heart until it beats in me and I know Christ in oneness.*

*At this time our Ireland gathering is transforming into something other than a conference. We desire not to hear teaching but His heart beats. We are coming to this gathering to press beyond words and sermons into the very Bosom from whence they came. Our desire is to awaken to and embrace our oneness with Christ until His heart is revealed and formed in us.*

*The endless flow that pours forth from the heart of Jesus through us His Body can barely be contained in worlds, much less a little booklet (Jn. 21:25). This booklet of meditations is just the beginning spurts from an eternal pump (His Heart) that is yet being primed. Rivers of living water will flow forth from the Source of His heart in us forever. May the meditations contained herein simply stir the seeker to turn more fully towards the Lord Himself until His heart is truly known, fulfilled and beating in us. Each meditation gives space for personal notes, heart cries and prayers as a help in seeking His heart.*



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# The Living God

May we draw nigh to the Living God...

To the Person of God Who has a  
living beating Heart.

His Heart was broken open at Calvary  
so that we could enter into Him  
and know Him in oneness  
from the inside out.

*Psa 42:1-2 As the hart panteth after the water brooks,  
so panteth my soul after thee, O God.  
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God.*

*Psa 63:1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.*

*Amos 5:4a For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel,  
“Seek Me that you may live.”*

*Prov 8:17 I love those who love me;  
And those who diligently seek me will find me.*

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*Personal Heart Cries*

# Start With The Heart

Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God

*I Chron 22:19a*

You say, "It all starts with the heart."

I say, "What all starts with the heart?"

You say, "LIFE starts with heart.

LOVE starts with the heart.

GOD starts with the heart."

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Oh to know, far beyond knowledge.

And to experience through oneness



the livingness of God by  
His heart beating in us.  
AMEN!

*Eph 3:19 And to know the  
love of Christ, which passes  
knowledge, that ye might be  
filled with all the fullness of  
God.*

# Closer

How can it be, His heart in me...  
beating, burning, living and true,  
If I will not turn and press and yearn  
and truly come to know You?

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*Lam 2:18-19 Their heart cried unto the Lord, O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night: give thyself no rest; let not the apple of thine eye cease.*

*Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord.*

*Lam 3:40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord.*

*Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart.*

*Jer 50:4 "In those days and at that time," declares the Lord, "the sons of*



*Israel will come, both they and the sons of Judah as well; they will go along weeping as they go, and it will be the Lord their God they will seek."*

# Press In

**Let us press into the mark of His heart  
until it beats in us.**

*Phil 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God  
in Christ Jesus.*

*Hos 6:3 Then shall we know, if we press on to know the Lord: his going  
forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the  
latter and former rain unto the earth.*

*Jer 29:13 You will seek Me and find Me when you  
search for Me with all your heart.*

*2 Chron 11:16 Those from all the tribes of Israel who set their hearts  
on seeking the Lord God of Israel followed them to Jerusalem,*



# Hearing His Heartbeat

What moves God...

What MAKES His heart beat?

What motivates Him from the inside out?

A true move of God is when His Heart moves and we  
are able to feel it beating in our own bosom.

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*2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith;  
prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that  
Jesus Christ is in you.*

**Can I detect the living Christ within?**

**Can I feel His pulse?**

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# From His Depths To Ours



*1 Co 2:9-12 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

*But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea,*

***the depths of God.***

*For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?*

*even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*

*Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

**The Holy Spirit does not come from teaching manuals, ministry**

*The Holy Spirit is going to help us...*

*Be sensitive and to know God's HEART not OUR HEART.*

*HIS MIND not our mind*

*HIS FEELINGS not our feelings*

*HIS DESIRES not our desires*

*HIS VIEW not our views*

*And we will live Crucified to an old heart and motivated by Christ within.*

**methods or human reasoning. He comes from the deep places in God so that we might know God's heart and live there.**

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# The Word of Life



*Exo 24:6-8 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.*

*Heb 9:19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people.*

Moses wanted both the book and the people covered and filled with the Life and Heart of God, which was represented by the blood (Lev. 17:11).

Moses saw the face of God and knew His heart. To Moses, God's words were not doctrines but God opening up and sharing His heart, giving us His Life. If we want to draw closer to God's heart we must embrace the bible as something more than teaching and comprehend it as the very heart of God given to fill us with Life.

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# The Garden of My Heart

*Prov. 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.*

*Col. 1:27 Christ in you the hope of glory.*

*Song of Songs 4:12 A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse.*

*Song of Songs 5:1 I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk.*

*Song of Songs 6:2 My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.*

*Jn 19:41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden.*

**Above all else, I want to protect and cultivate the very place in me where Christ dwells. If I allow foreigners into the Lord's garden, then He will not be able to rest and find the fellowship He desires with me. If I do not allow my ground to be prepared to receive His Life, than His heartbeat will be lost among the rocks, thorns and other voices that grow like weeds within.**

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# Breaking Up My Fallow Ground

*Hos 10:12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD.*

*Jer 4:3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.*

The scripture in Jeremiah 4:3 exhorts us to do the breaking up of the hard ground within us. Some may cry out in confusion at this point, "But HOW do I break my ground when I feel so hard inside?" True brokenness is simply OPENESS to His heart. Only HIS HEART and HIS LIFE in us can overcome our hardness, pride and unforgiveness, but before Life comes we can break with our hardened views that shut out the Word of God and the beating heart of Jesus within us. Without this form of humility we will continually usurp His heart with our own mind and ways. Even though God has given us a new heart... His heart... we still must chose to allow His heart to beat in us.

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# Cultivating Openness

## *Open to Me*

If we justify and make excuses for our old heart and its motives then how can God give us His heart? When correction comes do we embrace it as an opportunity to exchange our heart for Jesus' heart?

May we learn to humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord that He might lift us up in the Life of His Son.

1Ki 6:18 And the cedar of the house within was carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was **no stone seen**.

Song of Songs 5:2,5 **Open to me**, my sister, my love, my dove,  
my undefiled. I rose up to open to my beloved; and my hands dropped with  
myrrh, and my fingers with sweet smelling myrrh,  
upon the handles of the lock.

Isa 28:24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? **doth he open** and break the  
clods of his ground?

Isa 45:8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down  
righteousness: **let the earth open**, and let them bring forth salvation.

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into  
his house; and his windows **being open in his chamber** toward Jerusalem, he  
kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before  
his God, as he did aforetime.



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### *Personal Heart Cries*

# Exercising My New Heart

Why can't I get over this, press past it, rise above it?

I am not close enough to His heart.

To have His heart is to live by Love through Christ  
and not personal abilities to get through.

How can I live by Love if I don't have His heart,  
but only His facts in my head?

Caleb means "whole-hearted" and he took the land when everyone else was afraid or dead in the wilderness. Caleb was able to overcome and enter in because he functioned by the heart and not fear and self-awareness. Caleb's true portion was the heart of God and not an acreage of land in the earth. He was able to rise above problems, fear, and strong enemies because he was with the Lord.

Caleb viewed adversity as bread, something to strengthen him in love, something which he could use to exercise the heart of God in him.

*If the true goal is gaining the heart of Jesus and not overcoming earth issues, then we can be "whole-hearted" just like Caleb and embrace everything that comes into our lives as opportunities to exercise and strengthen God's heart in us.*

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# Things Important to Him

## *Finding His heart's desire*

King David was a man after God's own heart. David sought to know and enter into the heart of God. Because David knew God's heart, he understood God's desire to have a habitation with and in us. Therefore David gave his life, time, money ... everything to fulfill the Lord's heart and what was important to God. Moses did the same thing. After Moses spent time face to face knowing God's heart he understood God's needs and desires, and tried to gather the Israelites into the purposes of the heart of God. The people heard Moses' words as commands and followed orders, but Moses always knew it was all about what was in God's heart and their special part in sharing with God in His deepest desires. Now today the question remains, will each one of us discover what is in God's heart and give ourselves to care for Him, or will we just be religious people doing our Christian duties to appease God's commands?

*Psa 14:2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men,  
to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.*

*1Sa 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought  
him a man after his own heart.*

*Psa 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,  
to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.*



*Psa 24:6 This is the generation of them that  
seek him,  
that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.*

*Psa 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face;  
my heart said unto thee,  
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.*

# Being in Tune with His Heart

When we do not walk in the reality of being “crucified with Christ,” we feel OUR heart instead of His. We become sensitive to the motions of the old man and his selfish needs. We walk in closer communion with the corpse of the old man than with the living heart of Jesus that is now our Life.

To be in tune with the Heart of Jesus again, and sensitive to His heartbeat we must embrace our death with Christ. We must reject the old man and his old heart and abide in the union and reality that Christ’s HEART is ours now.

*Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.*

*Col 3:2-3 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

*Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked:  
who can know it?*

*2Chron 12:14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.*

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# One Thing

Let them look better  
Let then have more  
Fill them with treasures  
And blessings galore (Ps 16&17)  
Lord give me Your heart...  
My one consuming desire!  
My beauty my being my burning inward fire.

Your heart in me will push others forward,  
Will glory in their promotion,  
Will die for their perfection.  
Will delight in their beauty  
And rejoice in their gain.  
Will give in pure love again and again.

OH give me the Heart of Jesus.  
My portion, my treasure.  
My sacred, my holy, my now and forever.

**To gain this One Thing is to have it all.**  
**The Source, the Fountain ...**  
**The Heart of God.**

*Psa 27:4 One thing have I desired of the Lord,  
that will I seek after.*

*Psa 119:10 With my whole heart have I sought thee.*

*Luk 10:42 But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part,  
which shall not be taken away from her.*

*Psa 137:6 If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my  
mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.*

*Song of Songs 7:10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward me.*

*Psa 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth  
that I desire beside thee.*

## *Our Prayer*

*May we experience and know the very heart of God.*

*May we have such a divine encounter with the heart of Jesus  
that we become constrained by His love.*

*May our words and actions emanate from a place deeper than  
ministry need and spiritual information.*

*May we be so drawn into oneness with Christ  
that we will have the same love coming from His heart in us.*



# Conclusion

If God is truly a Person, and we are truly His Body,  
then we have been given more than doctrines and duties.  
We have been given the very Heart and Life of Jesus.

We are now the “ark of His Heart.”  
Our innermost being is as the Holy of Holies  
that bears within it the very Presence and Person of God.

*Jer 3:14-17 Turn, saith the Lord; for I am married unto you:  
and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family,  
and I will bring you to Zion:  
And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed  
you with knowledge and understanding.  
And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the  
land, in those days, saith the Lord, **they shall say no more, The ark  
of the covenant of the Lord:** neither shall it come to mind: neither  
shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it;  
neither shall that be done any more.*

*At that time **they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord;** and all  
the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to  
Jerusalem.*

*Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down  
from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her hus-  
band.*

*Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the  
tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with and in them,  
and they shall be his people.*

