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Valley Church
Week 17 – New Hearts Needed!

Introduction:

1 Kings 3:12-13

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John 1:17

Hebrews 7:18-19

Hebrews 8:13

Hebrews 8:7-8

Luke 15:28-30

Truths and Take-Aways...

1. Merely teaching our kids right from wrong is like treating a symptom instead of _____ the disease, so teach them the Gospel of grace as early as possible in their development.
2. In your own life, remember that power over sin is already yours. You are no longer the problem. The world, the flesh and the devil are the problem. Jesus has made you fully _____ with God.
3. Immerse yourself in a quest to understand all that is already yours in God's New Covenant with you. Spiritual maturity is not trying to become a "better person," but learning to live as the new _____ you already are in Christ.
4. If you've never entered into a relationship with _____, what are you waiting for? This is not a fairy tale, or some religion for women and children. Real men love Jesus, because they know they are unconditionally loved by Jesus.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. What are your opinions about the degree of impact that earthly fathers have upon our lives? Do fathers typically influence their daughters uniquely from the way they influence their sons and vice-versa, and if so, how? Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. How is it possible for a man like Solomon, who God endowed with incredible gifts of wisdom and discernment, to live a life so filled with contradiction (700 wives, 300 concubines, building temples to false gods, marrying pagan women, etc.)? What does this teach us about the universal human need for the new heart of God's New Covenant?
3. As parents, we all want our children to be "well-behaved," but often our attempts to teach them fall short of disciplining them in their pre-salvation need for a new heart, and their post-salvation need for walking in their true identity in Christ. How can we align our child-raising to be more in alignment with Gospel-of-grace living than mere moralistic behavior modification? Share your thoughts and specific examples if possible...
4. In the weekend message, it was mentioned that the best thing David had to offer his son Solomon was God's Law. Why are we so fortunate to be able to offer our children the New and Better way? What does that look like in contrast to merely teaching our children "the rules?"
5. If you are a newer parent, what are your hopes and dreams for the spiritual life of your children as you raise them? If you are a veteran parent, what would you go back and do differently in light of a greater understanding of the New Covenant?

Promptings:

6. How does Solomon's story of sin and failure ultimately point us to Jesus in His Story? Of the four take-aways mentioned at the conclusion of the weekend message (see reverse side of this handout), which is the most helpful or thought-provoking to you personally? How can you tangibly respond to whatever God might be saying to you through that take-away?