

Having a Heart Like Jesus

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“I deserve to be here.”

We need consistent attitude adjustments.

Seven of the nine beatitudes focus on the condition of our heart.

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and **discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.***

(Hebrews 4:12, ESV)

*What I am eager for is that all the Christians there will be filled with **love that comes from pure hearts**, and that their minds will be clean and their faith strong.*

(1 Timothy 1:5, TLB)

This week's readings teach us
what a good heart looks like.

Peter says to the Lord,
“Depart from me for I am a sinful man.”

Jesus forgives the sins of a paralytic man.

Jesus calls Matthew, a tax collector.

We need a humble heart that recognizes
our dependence on Jesus.

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But, Jesus is the only one with power to forgive us.

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Peter knows what kind of person he is.

Luke 5:1–11

He hears Jesus teach
of the kingdom.

He sees Jesus perform a
personally relevant miracle.

The miracle produces belief
— and guilt.



A similar event happened to Isaiah.

*When Simon Peter saw what had happened,
he bowed down before Jesus and said,
“Go away from me, Lord. I am a sinful man!”
(Luke 5:8, NCV)*

The gospel is a great mirror.

Do not make the sins of other too big.

Do not make your own sins too small.



Peter probably was a horrible person.

But, Jesus could transform him.

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Know who you are.

A sinner, forgiven.

Attention Getter

something

Need

some bible verses

task

current reading

Solution in short

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Man healed at pools of Bethesda

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Disciples pick grain on the Sabbath

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Man's hand healed on the Sabbath

Sometimes we do nothing because we're afraid of doing something wrong

Be merciful