

Genesis 42

“A New Heart”

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Ezekiel 11:19 - "I'll take away their heart of stone and give them a tender, responsive heart."

1. God uses pressure to change our hearts.

Psalm 32:5 - Finally, I confessed all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I'll confess my rebellion to the LORD." And You forgave me! All my guilt is gone.

2. God uses similar experiences to change our hearts.

Lamentations 3:40 - Let us *examine* our ways and turn back to the Lord.

Socrates: *The unexamined life isn't worth living.*

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Mark 1:35 - Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place.

Matthew 14:13 - When Jesus heard about John, He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place.

Luke 4:42 - At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place.

Matthew 14:23 - After He had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by Himself.

Luke 5:16 - Jesus would often go some place where He could be alone and pray.

4. God uses kindness to change our hearts.

Romans 2:4 - It's the *kindness of God* that leads to repentance.
