Heart of the Matter: Apathy

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INTRODUCTION

- Certainly one of Satan's biggest tools is a tool of apathy.
- Here's the challenge with apathy. I can actually be there and still be apathetic. I can actually still be with the team, but yet my heart's really not in it.
- It's a very simple principle. Seek God. Seek him. Jesus said, seek and ye will find.

1 Seek God's Mercy

Psalm 51:1–4; Colossians 2:14; 1 Timothy 1:15–16

- Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness, according to the multitude of your tender mercies.
- Here's the first step. This is what David shows us. Seek God's mercy.
- Mercy actually means in this context to bend or to stoop. It is the idea that one who is greater than us is bending down to us, is reaching out to us.
- He requests that his sins be blotted out.
- It is the idea of wiping an account to erase the debt, to totally wipe it away.

2 Seek His Wisdom and His Truth

Psalm 51:5–6; Colossians 3:16; Psalm 119

- Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part you will make me to know wisdom.
- So what do I seek next? I seek his wisdom. I seek his truth and I seek it from deep inside my heart and inside my soul.
- Don't tell me how much you have a passion for God if you're not in his word.
- No, it's about getting in the word. Entertainment's not going to save you.
- We know what we want to know. We learn what we want to learn. We retain what we want to retain.

3 Seek God's Joy

Psalm 51:7–12; Proverbs 23:17; Philippians 2:12–13

- Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- Seeking a heart for God, then seek God's joy.
- True joy is not just getting what you want, not just enjoying all the passing pleasures that are out there in the world.
- Joy is knowing that you're free from sin. To be forgiven, free from guilt.
- And please understand, their lives did not get easier. They got much harder. But they found joy.

4 Seek His Mission

Psalm 51:12–13; Ephesians 4:12

- Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me by your generous spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will be converted to you.
- It says they went everywhere spreading the word. They were thrilled, they were excited, there was joy in being part of the mission.
- If you want to ignite the flame and the passion in your heart for God, seek his mission.
- To equip the saints for the work of ministry. For we've been created in Christ Jesus for good works.

5 Seek to Praise You

Psalm 51:14–19

- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart. These, O God, you will not despise.
- I want a heart for you, God. Therefore I'm going to seek to praise you.
- Contrite simply means to crouch. It is one who crouches like a beggar.
- God wants me to sing with melody in my heart, not merely with my lips. God wants me to pray with passion in my heart, not with fancy words.

THE CHALLENGE

God's offered the escape. Will you take it? Will you seek him and live?

MY NOTES