



**WHEN IT HITS THE FAN**  
judgment, suffering, and general crap

# DEAD HEARTS.

We all can appreciate *new*, right?

New years.

New cars.

New beginnings.

But new can be scary too.

New jobs.

New cities.

New people.

Our God is all about new things. He takes dead hearts and replaces them with beating ones. He fills us with His Spirit so that we can be people of life and hope. He says that through Jesus, we are new creations.

And when life is still hard, He gives us things like baptism, communion, community, sunsets, and puppies to remind us that there is hope. He is good; He is with us; and He is making all things new.

# IN THE BIBLE.

## **Jeremiah 17:9**

The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

## **Ezekiel 36:26-29**

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. 29 I will save you from all your uncleanness.

## **Revelation 21:5**

And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

## **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!  
And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

# QUESTIONS.

1. What does God's new life look like in you?
2. According to 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 specifically, what are we to do after being made new?
3. What does that look like?

**Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:**

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?