

## Trusting God is the cure for human hearts

1. Jer 17:5-6. Give a few examples that a heart trust in man and draws strength from man? Why is it like a shrub taking root in a desert?
2. Jer 17:7-8. What's the difference in trusting God and trusting God's blessing? Why is trusting God like a tree planted by the water?
3. Jer 17:9 and Mat 15:8. How do we know our hearts are wicked? Jer 17:13-14. How do we have our hearts uprooted and replanted? How do we know Jesus will heal our hearts?
4. Pray you put the trust your heart in Jesus and draw strength from him.

Jer 17:5 This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord. 6 That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. 7 "But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. 8 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." 9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Jer 17:13 Lord, you are the hope of Israel; all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the Lord, the spring of living water. 14 Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

Mat 15:8 "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

== sermon notes ==

(slide 1) Trusting God is the cure for human hearts

1. Where our thoughts, emotions, and will intersect
2. Woody Allen: The heart wants what it wants
3. Human hearts and their sickness and healing

(slide 2) Every heart trusts something deeply

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1. There is no truth is a strong believe
2. Everybody his their own truth

(slide 3) Our hearts are like the root of a tree

Eph 3:17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... being rooted and established in love

1. 17 “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18 But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts

(slide 4) Life is futile as the desert shrub if we take root in the world

Jer 17:6 That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes.

1. Driving through the desert see the shrub balls
2. The career ladder, the money system, the family, health
3. Dry shrub is flourishing when rain comes, wilt in desert draught

(slide 5) Life is ever fruitful if we extend the roots by the water

Jer 17:8 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream... It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

1. A year of draughts would not destroy you
2. Suffering helps you get closer to God

(slide 6) Our hearts are wicked and broken and need to be uprooted and re-planted

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1. We can speak and perform for a little bit but God sees our heart
2. Rom 7:15 I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.
3. St Augustine’s pear story

(slide 7) Trust with our whole hearts in Jesus the living water

Jer 17:14 Heal me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

1. Our hearts need to be healed
2. Uprooted, replanted, cling to the living water and grow