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# Questions in the Wilderness

## Week 4 – Where Did That Come From?

### Matthew 15

*Proverbs 4:23 - "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."*

#### **ANCIENT HEBREW DEFINITION OF HEART**

- 1. EMOTIONS**
- 2. THOUGHTS**
- 3. DECISIONS**

*Matthew 15:8-9 - "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules."*

#### **1. GOD'S CONCERN IS FOR YOUR HEART, NOT YOUR APPEARANCE**

*1 Samuel 16:7 - But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

#### **2. OUR HEARTS ARE IRREPARABLY BROKEN**

*Matthew 15:19-20 - "For out of the heart come evil thoughts – murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."*

#### **3. WE DON'T NEED HEART SURGERY, WE NEED A HEART TRANSPLANT**

*Ezekiel 36:26 - "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."*

#### **4. A NEW HEART IS AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH JESUS**

*2 Corinthians 5:17 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*