

A red heart is positioned behind a stethoscope on a dark, textured background. The heart is a solid red color with a slight gradient. The stethoscope is silver and chrome, with its earpiece at the top and the diaphragm at the bottom, angled towards the bottom right.

“But...

GOD KNOWS

My Heart”

1 Chronicles 29:16–19 (NKJV)

¹⁶ “O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and *is* all Your own. ¹⁷ I know also, my God, that You test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these *things*; and now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here to offer willingly to You. ¹⁸ O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intent of the thoughts of the heart of Your people, and fix their heart toward You. ¹⁹ And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and Your testimonies and Your statutes, to do all these *things*, and to build the temple for which I have made provision.”

GOD KNOWS *My Heart*

YES, GOD KNOWS YOUR HEART



Psalm 44:20–21 (NKJV)

20 If we had forgotten the name of our God, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, 21 Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

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1 Chronicles 28:9–10 (NKJV)

⁹ “As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. ¹⁰ Consider now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary; be strong, and do it.

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1 Kings 8:39–40 (NKJV)

39 then hear in heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men),
40 that they may fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.

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- God searches the heart (Psalm 44:21; 1 Kings 8:39; Jer. 17:9–10)
- God judges the heart (Jer 17:10; 1 Sam. 16:7)
- God CANNOT be deceived —
BUT we CAN BE!

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Jeremiah 17:10 (NKJV)

10 I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

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Luke 16:15 (NKJV)

15 And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

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SOMETIMES USED AS AN EXCUSE ...



- “**Someday**” - ‘... Felix was afraid and answered, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.” (Acts 24:25)
- “**Someone**” - ²¹ Peter, seeing him, said to Jesus, “But Lord, what *about* this man?” (John 21:21)
- “**Somewhat**” - “But I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me ...” (1 Samuel 15:20)

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SOMETIMES USED AS AN EXCUSE ...



- Often said when the disparity between what the Scriptures teach and what a person actually believes or does becomes apparent
 - ▶ **Salvation** (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).
 - ▶ **Worship** (John 8:24; Eph 5:19; Heb 12:28,29)
 - ▶ **Manner of life** (attendance; treatment of others; language; activities; etc.)

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- Excuse to excuse disobedience:
“Because God knows my heart.”
 - ▶ “*God knows I have good intentions*” does NOT render the teaching of the scripture moot – 1 Sam 15:14-26
 - ▶ “*I’m sincere*” does NOT CHANGE DISOBEDIENCE INTO acceptable behavior!
– Ac 26:9-11; Rm 10:2; Ga. 1:13, 14; Phi. 3:6; 1 Tim. 1:13

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- The Fact that “God Knows your Heart”
DOES NOT Mean It Is Accepted!
 - ▶ Sinful behavior CANNOT be disassociated from THE HEART (Mat. 15:18-19).
 - ▶ This “defense” or “self-justification” for continued disobedience ONLY prevents the sinner from making the changes necessary to become obedient to God — (Jere. 13:10; 23:17; 2 Thes 2:10-12)

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Jeremiah 13:10 (NKJV)

10 This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who follow the dictates of their hearts, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing.

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2 Thessalonians 2:10–12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

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Psalm 78:8 (NKJV)

⁸ And may not be like their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious
generation, A generation that did
not set its heart aright, And whose
spirit was not faithful to God.

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I AM NOT A COMPETENT JUDGE -
EVEN OF MY OWN HEART.



Proverbs 21:2 (NKJV)

2 Every way of a man is
right in his own eyes,
But the Lord weighs
the hearts.

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Jeremiah 17:9–10 (NKJV)

9 “The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked;
Who can know it? 10 I, the Lord,
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1 Corinthians 4:3–4 (NKJV)

3 ... In fact, I do not even judge myself. 4 For I know of nothing against myself, yet I am not justified by this; but He who judges me is the Lord.

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GOD REVEALS YOUR HEART



- **By the scriptures** — ALL of God's truth is revealed in His word and it reveals the true nature of our heart (2 Tim 3:16,17; Lk 8:11; Heb 4:12).
- **By our obedience** — our heart is revealed in our response to God's word (1 John 4:1,2; Rom 8:1,2,12-14; Mat. 7:16-17; 12:33; 13:3-23; 15:18).

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We may have
confidence only in that
which God has revealed

2 Timothy 4:2-4

1 John 3:19-23;

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Believe – Acts 8:37

Confess – Romans 10:9

Repent – Acts 17:30

Be baptized – 1 Peter 3:21

Be faithful – Col. 1:23

Confess, Repent & Pray – Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9

I Believe – Acts 8:37

I've Confessed – Romans 10:9

I Repented – Acts 17:30

Was Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21

I am Faithful – Col. 1:23

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True worship – John 4:24;
Assemble; Lord's Supper;
Sing; Pray; Study; Give

Authorized work – Col 3:17

Love God – Mat 10:37; Mark
12:29,30; John 14:15,21-24;
1 John 2:3-5; 5:2,3

Love others – Mark 12:31;
1 John 3:17-19; 4:7,8,21

Add to your faith – 2 Pet 1:5-10

I worship God according to
the NT pattern – Heb 10:25;
Acts 20:7; Eph 5:19; 1 Thes 5:17;
Acts 17:11; 1 Cor 16:1,2

Authorized work – Col 3:17

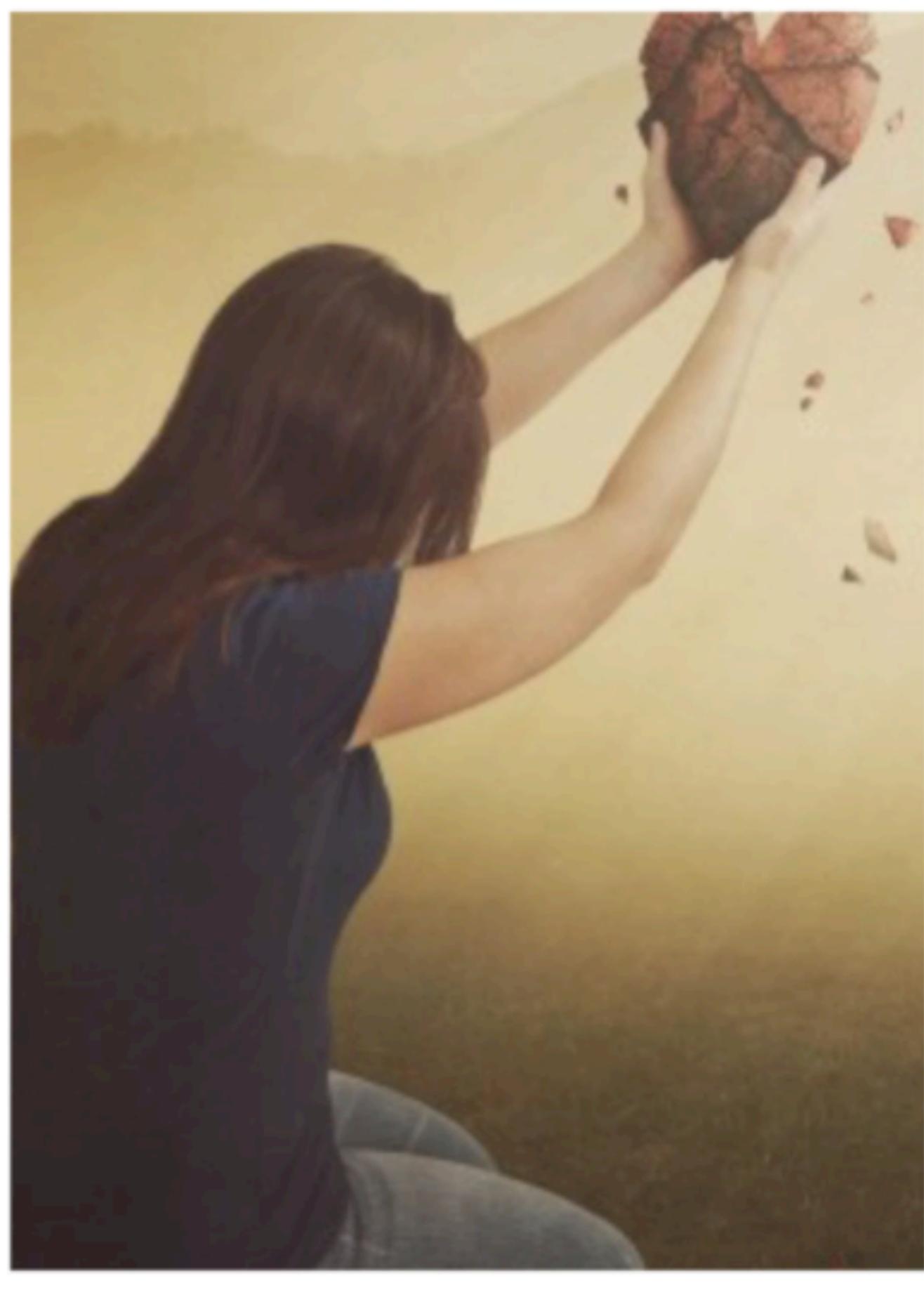
I love God – I desire to do His
will and to be pleasing to Him
– I keep His commandments –
1 John 2:3-5; 5:2,3

I love others – Mat 25:31-46;
1 John 3:17-19

I am growing – 2 Pet 1:5-10

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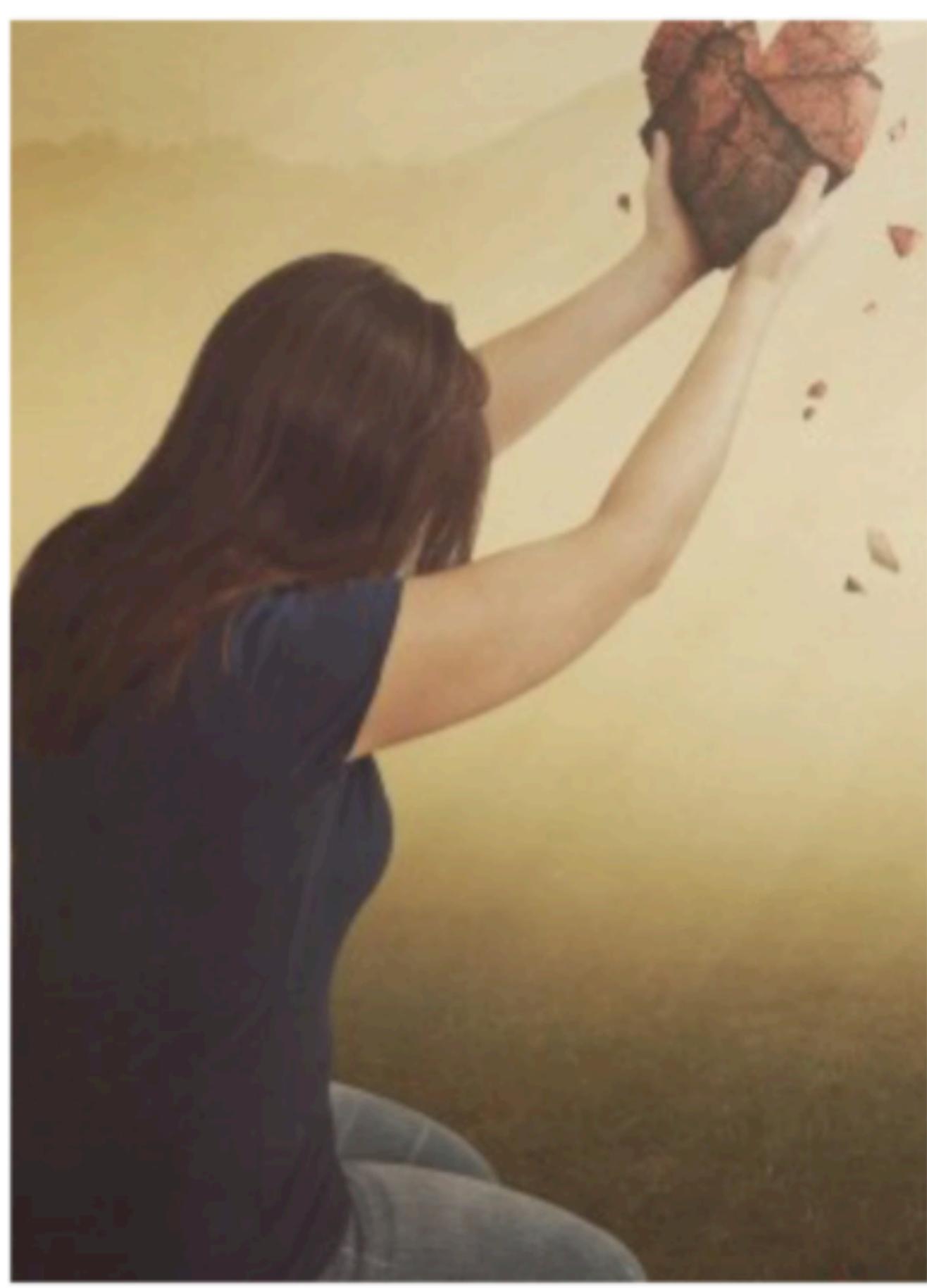
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- **God's knowing my heart is not proof of God ruling my heart (Job 11:11; Matthew 9:4; Acts 8:22).**
- **Doing God's revealed will is proof of God ruling my heart (Deut 6:5–6; 1 Chron 28:8–9; 2 Chron 12:14; Rom 6:16–18; 1 Pet 1:22,23).**

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1 Peter 3:13–17 (NKJV)

13 And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good?

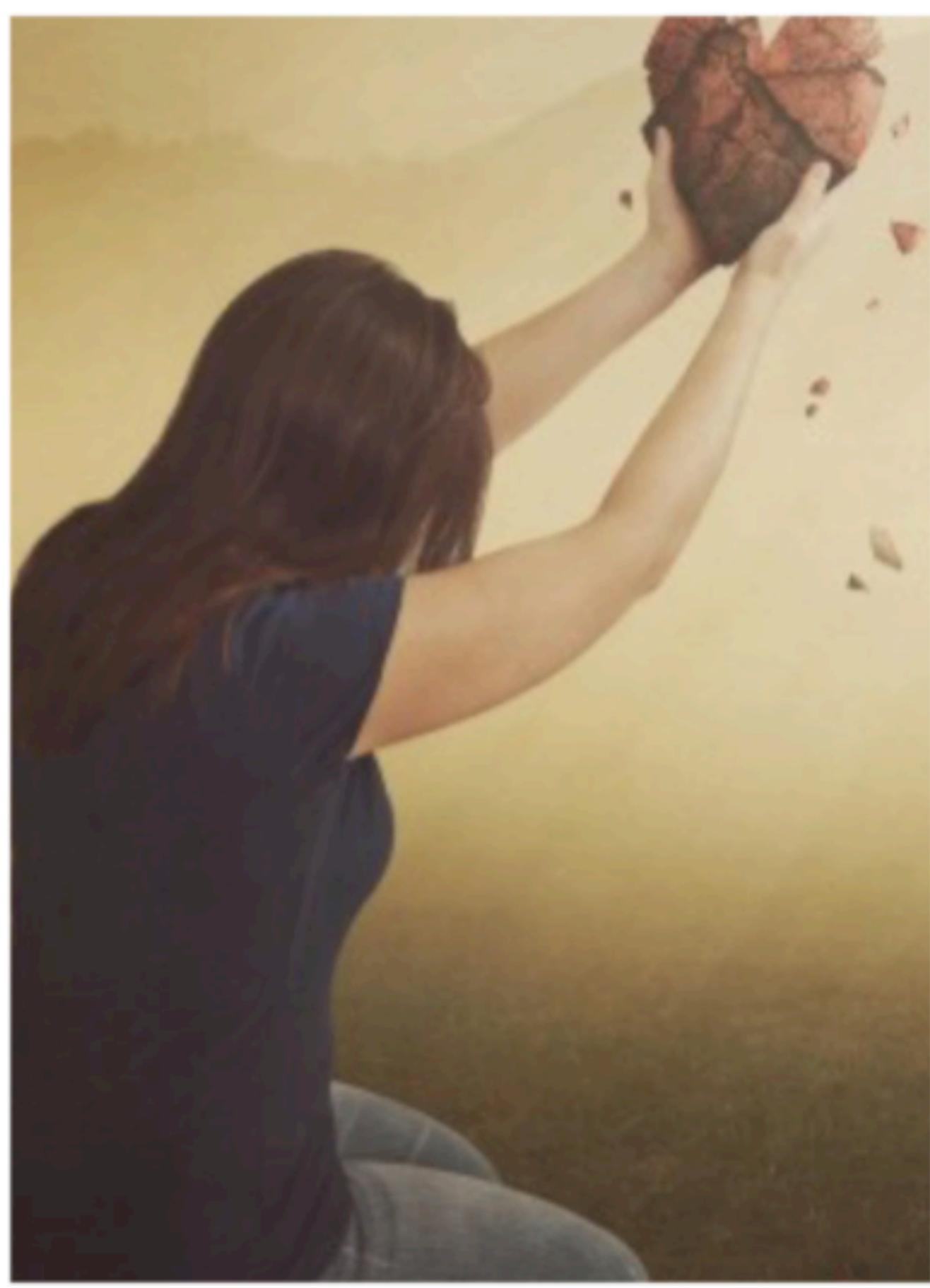
14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are blessed.*

“And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.” 15 But sanctify the Lord

God in your hearts,

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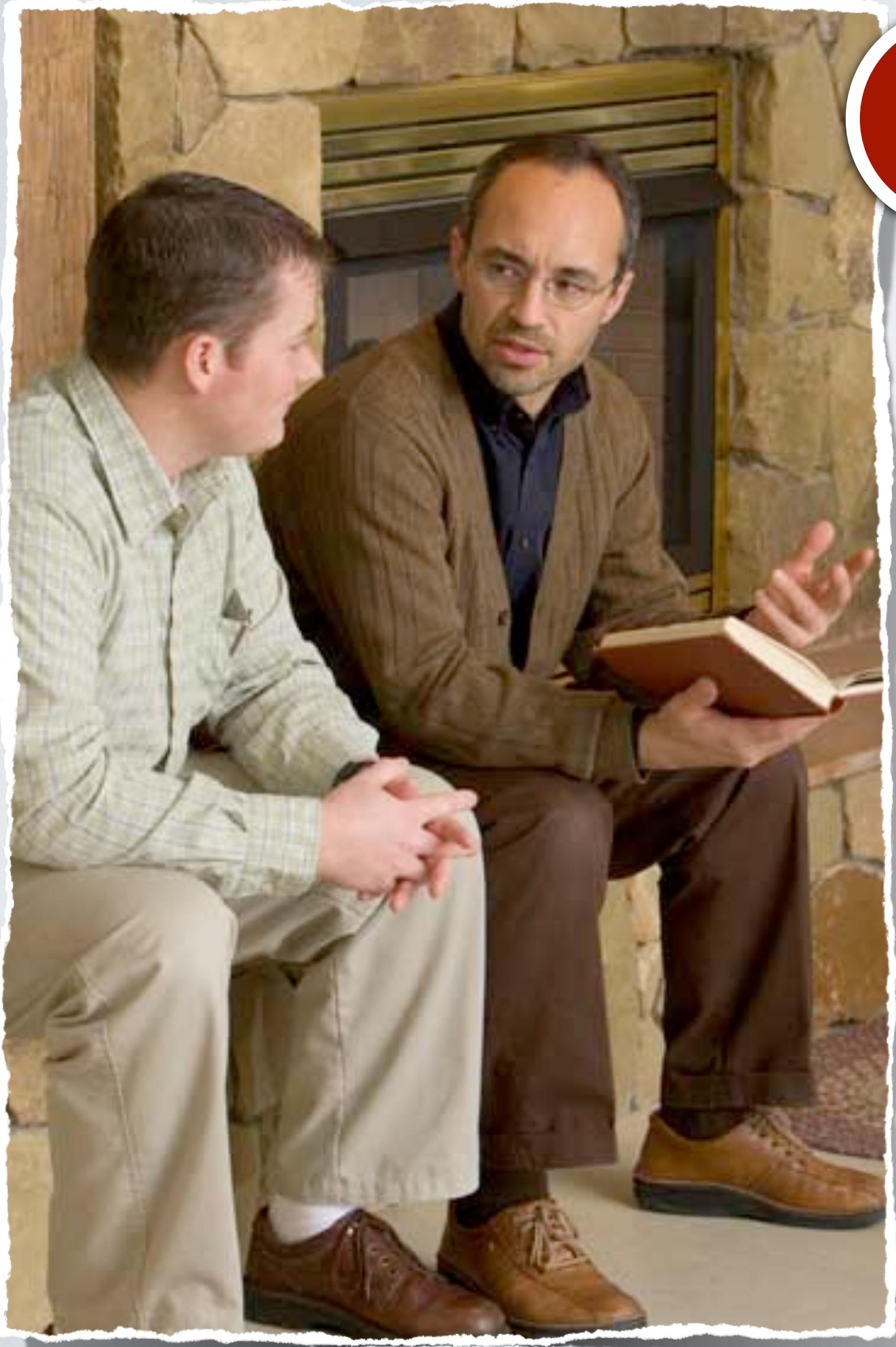


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and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.

17 For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

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CONCLUSION

■ God Knows Every Heart Whether It Is Good or Evil

- ▶ The fact that God knows the heart does not prove anything relative to whether or not we are accepted by Him.
- ▶ It is what God knows about the heart that matters.

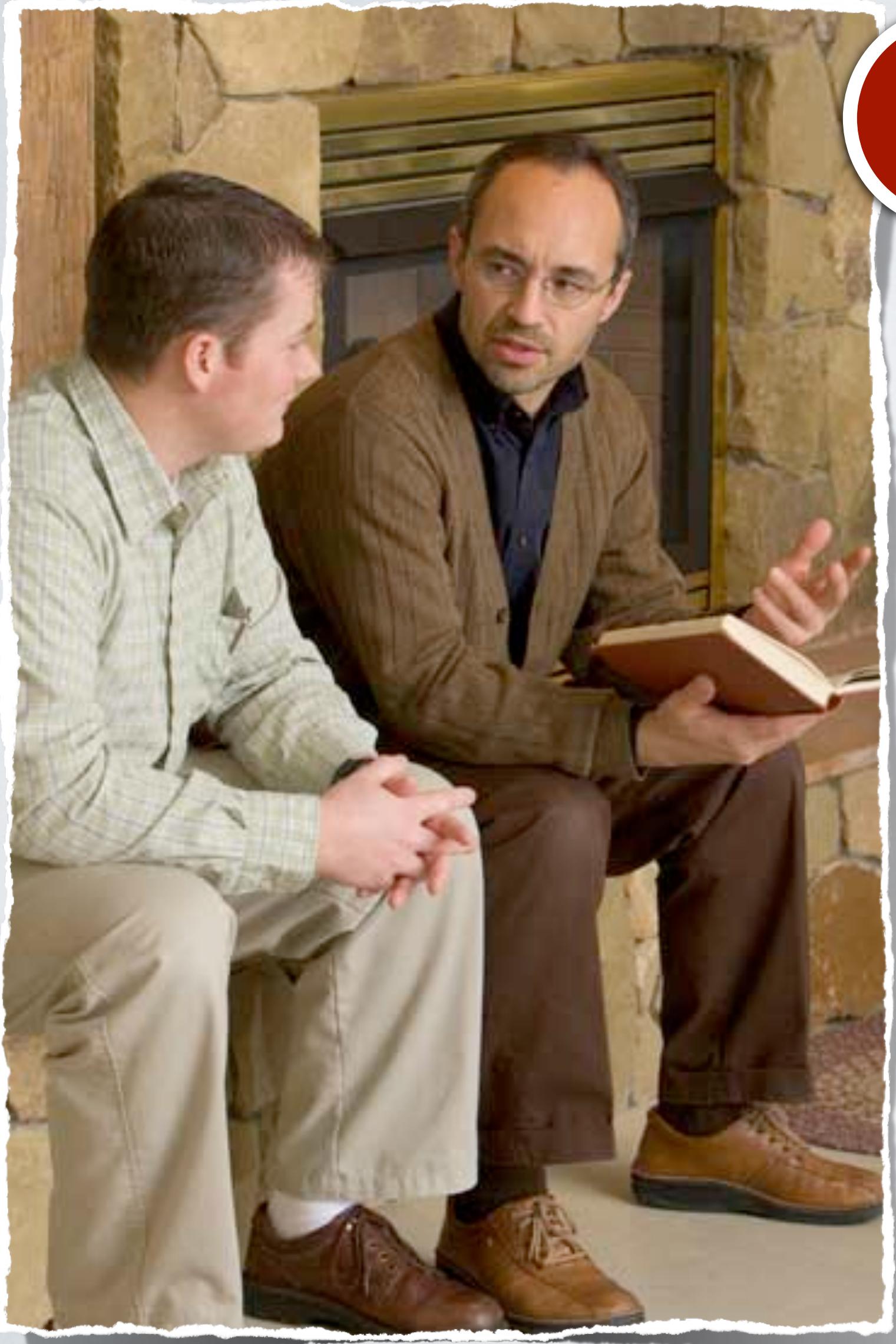
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- **IS OUR HEART IN HARMONY WITH WHAT GOD SAYS IN HIS WORD?**
 - ▶ Assurance is not found in how we feel, but in believing & living in harmony with what God has revealed (1 Jn 3:19-21; Heb 4:12).
 - ▶ God is the judge (I Cor 4:3-5; John 12:48; Rom. 2:5-11).

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CONCLUSION

We CANNOT contend
God accepts us when we
refuse to obey **HIM**
(Matt 7:21; Luke 6:46).

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Do I KNOW my heart is RIGHT in the sight of God?

Am I OBEYING God from my heart - or Not?

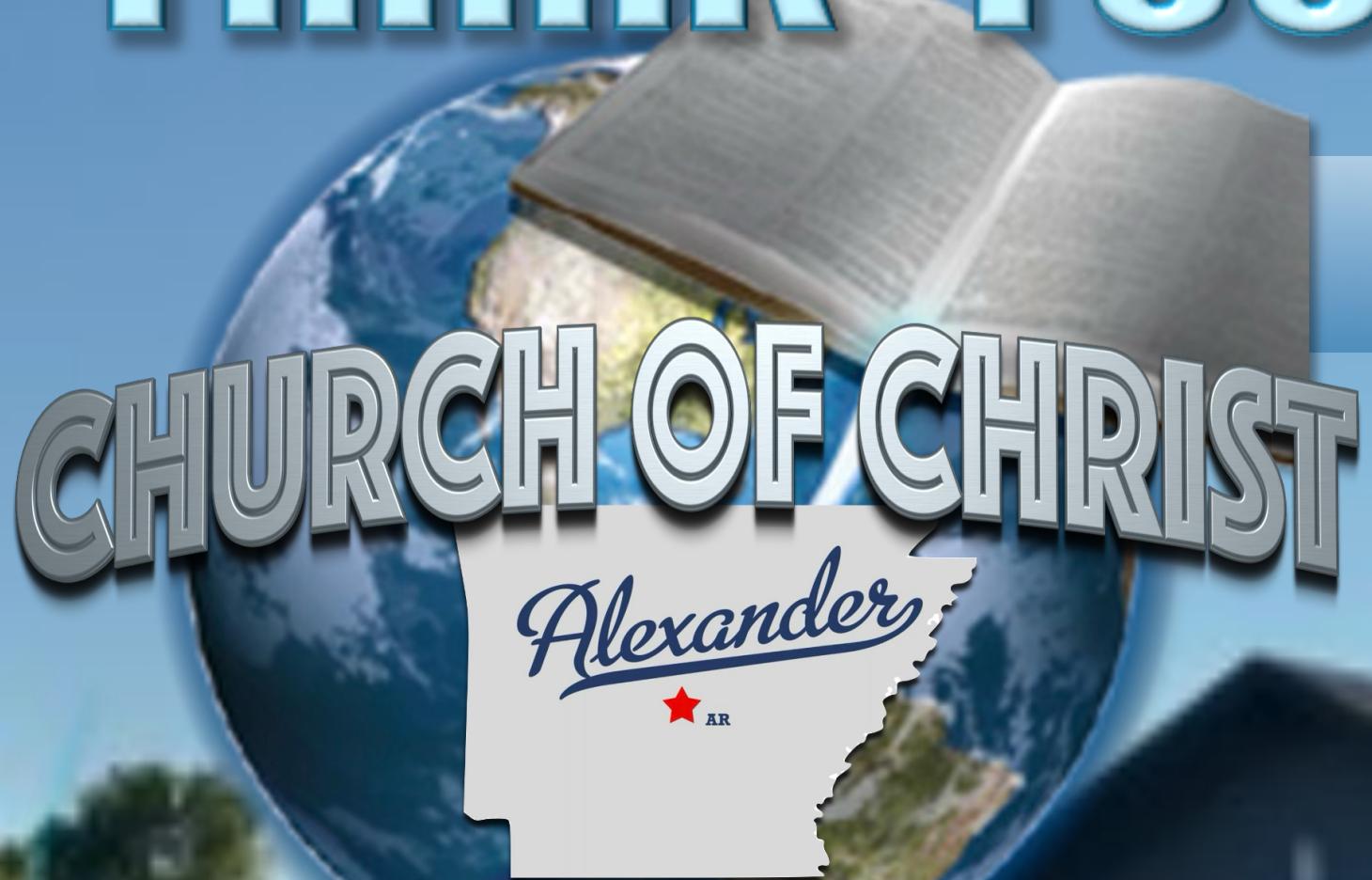
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Romans 6:16–17 (NKJV)

16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin *leading* to death, or of obedience *leading* to righteousness? 17 But God be thanked that *though* you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

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