

CONNECTING OUR KNEES & HEART

Isaiah 29:13

Praying Our Way to Pentecost Week 3

*“The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught.” - Isaiah 29:13, (NIV)*

God WANTS our HEARTS.

*“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me” - Matthew 15:8 (NIV)*

*“Jesus knew their thoughts” - Luke 11:17 (NIV)*

*“...searches our hearts” – Romans 8:27 (NIV)*

Our knees ENGAGE our hearts to CONNECT to the HEART of God.

Connecting to God’s heart begins to TRANSFORM our heart.

This power of the Spirit transformed the disciple’s hearts and EMPOWERED their SPEECH.

Two key things radically changed in that moment:

3. They were transformed from FEARFUL/HIDING disciples to BOLD/SPEAKING disciples.

*“On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews.” - John 20:19*

4. Their hearts were PURIFIED from the sin of SELF-CENTEREDNESS.

*“Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—*

*just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Matthew 20:25–28 (NIV)*

God has the power to free our hearts from being SELF-CENTERED, SELF-SEEKING, and SELF-PROMOTING to God-centered and OTHERS-FOCUSED.

*“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.” - Genesis 17:7*

*“...through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.” – Genesis 22:18*

*“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” - Acts 1:8 (NIV)*

*“God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. He did not discriminate between us and them, for he purified their hearts by faith” - Acts 15:8–9 (NIV)*

Do I need to reengage with the heart of God?