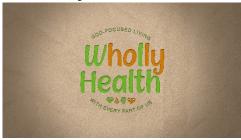
### January 7, 2024 – Week #1 Milton Campus – Pastor Branden Mestach



# Heart (Will)

Jeremiah 29:11-14a Mark 12:30a Psalm 51:10-13

## A. A Wholly Heart Seeks Wholly-ness.

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you,' declares the Lord, 'and I will bring you back from captivity.'" Jeremiah 29:11-14a (NIV)

- 1. Seek God by <u>calling</u> on God. "Then you will call on Me and pray to Me..."

  Jeremiah 29:12a (NIV)
- 2. Seek God's <u>righteousness</u>.

  "For I know the plans I have for you..."

  Jeremiah 29:11a (NIV)
- 3. Seek to become a <u>citizen</u> of God's Kingdom. "I will be found by you, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back from captivity." Jeremiah 29:14a (NIV)

## **B.** A Wholly Heart Is How We Love God.

"'And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart...'"

- 1. Our heart is a physical part of us.
- 2. Our heart is <u>more</u> than a physical part of us.
- 3. Our heart is to be <u>followed</u>?

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

"The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?" Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV)

## C. A Wholly Heart is After God's Heart.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, so that sinners will turn back to You." Psalm 51:10-13 (NIV)

- 1. If you are half-hearted, get whole-hearted! "So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of My mouth."

  Revelation 3:16 (NIV)
- 2. All your heart is all your time.

"I lift You high in praise, my God, O my King! and I'll bless Your name into eternity. I'll bless You every day and keep it up from now to eternity. God is magnificent; He can never be praised enough. There are no boundaries to His greatness." Psalm 145:1-3 (MSG) 3. The God-shaped hole in your heart is there for God alone.

"If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world." C.S. Lewis

"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." St. Augustine

"Then Paul stood before the meeting of the Areopagus and said, "People of Athens, I can see you are very religious in all things. As I was going through your city, I saw the objects you worship. I found an altar that had these words written on it: to a god who is not known. You worship a god that you don't know, and this is the God I am telling you about! The God who made the whole world and everything in it is the Lord of the land and the sky. He does not live in temples built by human hands. This God is the One Who gives life, breath, and everything else to people. He does not need any help from them; He has everything He needs. God began by making one person, and from Him came all the different people who live everywhere in the world. God decided exactly when and where they must live. God wanted them to look for Him and perhaps search all around for Him and find Him, though He is not far from any of us:" Acts 17:22-27 (NCV)

#### **Bottom Line:**

When your heart is restless, search for God's restless heart.

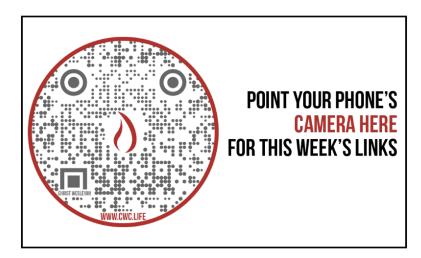
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#### **Next Sunday:**

Wholly Health: God-Focused Living With Every Part of Us

Week 2: The Soul of Us

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach Sunbury Campus: Pastor Billy Robel



Notetakers are History Makers

### **Giving & Attendance Update**

Giving last Sunday: 87.4% of goal Giving year to date: 83.8% of goal Attendance last Sunday: 2,011

Salvations to date: 95 | Baptisms to date: 110

#### **Upcoming Happenings:**

January 10<sup>th</sup>- Family Life Midweek Kickoff! 6:30-p

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Classics Bus Trip: Hockey Night with the

**Hershey Bears** 

February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 – Child Dedications