



The Heart of the Matter

In the Hebrew language "the heart" according to Charles Strong's Concordance, is used widely for...the feelings...the will...the intellect...and also the center of anything. If I may be so bold, perhaps a phrase in use in today's culture

would be "core". The heart is the central core of a person...the real you!

With those definers, it is no wonder that God has quite a few things to say about the "heart!" The heart is apparently something He wants from all of us, as stated as far back as Deuteronomy: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deut. 6:5). Jesus quotes this very Scripture 1400 years later to the Scribe who asked Him which of all the commandments would be the greatest commandment (Mark 12:30).

In Proverbs, we are instructed to trust in the Lord with all our heart, and in the book of Jeremiah, we are told, "...you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord..." (Jer. 29:13-14). These Scriptures are directing the heart to three specific and different things: love, trust, and seeking Him.

My interest, however, is what those three separate things (love, trust, and seeking Him) have in common! The answer is intensity! Loving, trusting, and seeking Him, all have a passionate heart in common with each other...more specifically—all your heart.

In basketball parlance, "all your heart" means you "leave everything on the court." If you go back to the bench or the locker room with bountiful energy, it means you didn't spend much on the court.

I believe the Lord would say to us this New Year, instead of getting some skin in the game, get our hearts into Him. After all, "If He has your heart, He has your game."

What is in the heart is transparent!

Pastor Mike



CELEBRATE RECOVERY
Every Friday @ Christian Assembly!

6 pm Dinner (\$3 per person)

7 pm Large Group Meeting

8:00 pm Small Group Meetings

9:00 pm Fellowship/Dessert in the Gym

*Attention Ladies! Beginning Friday, January 6th, Life's Healing Choices (book #2) will be available! Even if you don't attend CR, all ladies are welcome to come to this Small Group Meeting @ 8 pm.

**VALLEY SCHOOL OF MINISTRY &
LEADERSHIP**



It's time to register for upcoming classes at Valley School of Ministry & Leadership!

Saturdays @ 9 am/January 7-March 18: "Old Testament Survey"
Instructor is David Lucas

Mondays @ 6 pm/January 9-March 20: "Life Skills for Leaders"

Instructor is Jodi Thompson

Online course of "Life of Christ" will be available the first part of January, 2017.

Contact Pastor Tana @ 370-4260 or email schoolofministry@4bible for more information or to register.

Website: schoolofministrymissoula.com

Check out VSML's library! Contact Pastor Tana for hours that the library is available.

MANY TRIBES "GATHERING"
January 14, from 6-9 pm

The "Gathering" is for Native Americans and for those who have a heart for the Native people.

This event is held at Christian Assembly/1001 Cleveland St.
Dinner is from 6-7 pm. Please bring a dish to share.

Contact Corb (1.253.241.7718) or Jan (1.253.241.7716)
for more information.

Check out Many Tribes Ministry on their Facebook page!

FOURSQUARE DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING *January 5-7 @ Helena Valley Faith Center*

When crisis or disaster hits, our hearts ache and we desire to do whatever we can to comfort with the love of Jesus. Often, all we can do is pray that the Lord will send someone to help who is trained and understands how to help victims start to pick up the pieces.

You can be the answer to that prayer. Disaster Relief Training teaches the basics of compassionate presence in times of chaos. You can be listed among those who are being deployed into the disaster field with Foursquare Disaster Relief.

Upon completion of this course you will be certified through Foursquare Disaster Relief as an official Responder. FDR training is accepted by FEMA.

Through this three day course you will learn:

- What to do to help the victims of crisis and disasters physically, mentally, and spiritually**
- How to better understand and help people from different cultures and walks of life in crisis and disasters**
- The essentials of compassion as well as self-care while in the midst of an incident**

Coming January 5-7, 2017 to: Helena Valley Faith Center
708 East Groschell Street,
East Helena, Montana 59635

[Click here to register!](#)

The cost for this training is typically \$200.00, but Foursquare Disaster Relief is offering this training at a discounted price of \$90.00 for registration.

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*for January's Calendar, Birthdays
& Anniversaries!*

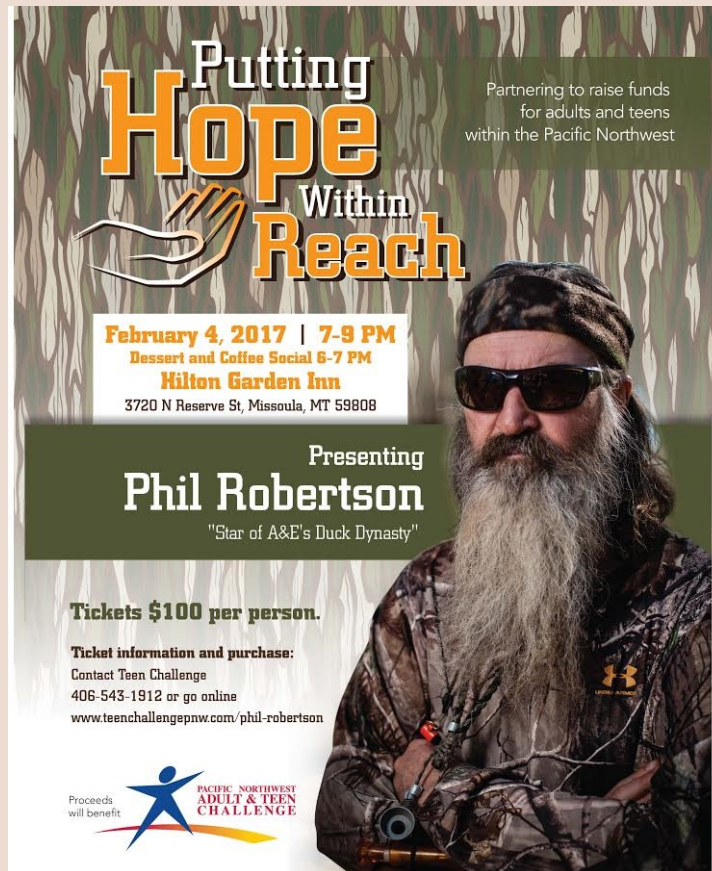


Not seeing your birthday or anniversary listed?
Call the Church office with your information, @
406.721.6884, Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm.

*We'd love to send you a card on your special
day!*

TEEN CHALLENGE

February 4, 7-9 pm @ Hilton Garden Inn



Partnering to raise funds for adults and teens within the Pacific Northwest


Putting Hope Within Reach

February 4, 2017 | 7-9 PM
Dessert and Coffee Social 6-7 PM
Hilton Garden Inn
3720 N Reserve St, Missoula, MT 59808

Presenting
Phil Robertson
"Star of A&E's Duck Dynasty"

Tickets \$100 per person.

Ticket information and purchase:
Contact Teen Challenge
406-543-1912 or go online
www.teenchallengepnw.com/phil-robertson

Proceeds will benefit
 PACIFIC NORTHWEST ADULT & TEEN CHALLENGE

NOTE: Teen Challenge's Thrift Store has moved to a new location, effective January 2nd. Address is 2036 Mullan Rd., right off Broadway, former Modern Beauty School's location.

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In addition, by utilizing a smart phone, you are able to scan the QR Code OR send text to 715-803-4772 and insert 1070824 as your text. User-friendly instructions will guide you through the process.

You will receive a text with Continue to Give link. Giving kiosk is available between 1st & 2nd services and after 2nd service in the Foyer.



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