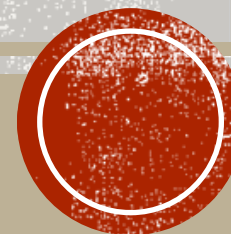


HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS

HEBREWS/PSALMS



GOOD

— **IS THE** —

BOSS



THE PROBLEM

And we know that all things
work together for good
to them that love God,
to them who are the called
his purpose.

Romans 8:28

We all struggle with surrender.

We know God's way is better, but often
prefer our own.



Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;
and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him,
and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



CASE FILE — OF HARDENED HEARTS

PHARAOH

Who? King of Egypt during Moses' time.

Key Detail Didn't know God.

Outcome Refused God's commands and brought judgment on Egypt.



JUDAS

Who? One of Jesus' twelve disciples.

Key Detail Walked with Jesus for three years and saw His miracles.

Outcome Betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.



JONAH

Who? Prophet sent by God to Nineveh.

Key Detail Knew God's character and God's plans.

Outcome Ran from God's call before eventually obeying.



CASE FILE

GOD – PHARAOH

THE 10 PLAGUES DEVASTATED EGYPT

1 PHARAOH HARDENED HIS OWN HEART



EXODUS 8:15 (KJV)

“But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.”

- God gave Pharaoh opportunity after opportunity.
- Every plague was another chance to repent.
- Pharaoh repeatedly chose pride over surrender.

2 THEN GOD HARDENED PHARAOH’S HEART



EXODUS 9:12 (KJV)

“And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.”

- Pharaoh first hardened his own heart.
- God eventually confirmed the choice Pharaoh had already made.
- The danger was not that God stopped Pharaoh from repenting—it was that Pharaoh repeatedly refused God.

THE STORY SO FAR:

- ✓ 10 PLAGUES SENT
- ✓ MANY WARNINGS GIVEN
- ✓ MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO REPENT
- ✓ PHARAOH REFUSED

EGYPT’S LAND, ECONOMY
AND PEOPLE WERE
DEVASTATED.

EGYPT LOST ITS
ARMY IN THE
RED SEA.

PHARAOH’S PRIDE COST HIM
MORE THAN ISRAEL’S SLAVES—
IT COST EGYPT ITS STRENGTH,
REPUTATION, AND FUTURE.

THE COST OF PRIDE



WATERS TO BLOOD



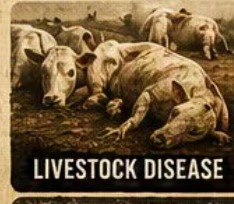
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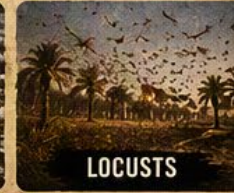
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BOILS



HAIL



LOCUSTS



DARKNESS



DEATH OF THE FIRSTBORN

POINT:

A HARDENED HEART DOESN'T HURT GOD—IT DESTROYS US.

PROVERBS 16:18

CASE FILE



GOD – JUDAS



Walked with Jesus for three years.

MARK 3:14

“And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him...”



Saw every miracle.

JOHN 6:70

“Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?”



Complained about the perfume instead of worshipping.

JOHN 12:4–5

“Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?”



Wanted money more than Jesus.

JOHN 12:6

“Not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag...”



Betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver.

MATTHEW 26:15

“They covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.”



POINT: It's possible to be around Jesus without surrendering to Him.



BETRAYED



CASE FILE



JONAH – A LIFE IN PROGRESS



1. KNEW GOD

JONAH 4:2

“For I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.”



2. RAN FROM GOD

JONAH 1:3

“But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD...”



3. OBEYED GOD

JONAH 3:3

“So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD.”



4. STILL STRUGGLED

JONAH 4:9

“And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.”



**A HEART
STILL BEING
SHAPED**



POINT: Knowing God doesn't mean we never struggle—but God is patient with us as He continues to shape our hearts.



TONGUES OF FIRE



★ WHERE CONTESTANTS PUT THEIR
BURNING TONGUES TO THE TEST! ★



PAUL STRUGGLED — ROMANS 7



¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

¹⁹ For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

²⁰ Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

²⁴ O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

²⁵ I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.



THE ANSWER- JESUS

Pharaoh knew God's power.

Judas knew God's presence.

Jonah knew God's character.

Paul knew God's Grace

Paul Surrendered to His will

Will I let God be the Boss?

And we know that all things work together
for good to them that love God, to them
who are the called according to his
purpose." Romans 8:28



Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

PHILLIPAINS

3:12-14



