

Series: Becoming A Spiritual Father
Message Title: Walking With A Tender Heart
Primary Text: Mark 6:47-52
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1. A Hardened Heart Is _____

2. A Hardened Heart Is _____

3. A Hardened Heart Is _____

4. A Hardened Heart Can _____

5. A Tender Heart Results _____

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⁴⁷ Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. ⁴⁶ After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray. When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. ⁴⁹ But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; ⁵⁰ for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." ⁵¹ Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, ⁵² for they had not gained any insight from the *incident of the loaves*, but their heart was hardened.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Hebrews 3:7-11**. What heart problem did the Israelites have? What did the Israelites see in the wilderness according to verse 9 and did it change them? What did the Israelites do and what did they not know? How did God respond?
2. Read **Zechariah 7:8-14**. What did God command the Israelites to do? In what various ways did the Israelites respond? Because they had hearts of flint they refused to do what? When God reached out to them, how did they respond? Then what happened? What was their real problem?
3. Read **1 Samuel 6:6; Psalm 95:8; Mark 16:14 and Hebrews 4:7**. What warnings did God give to the Israelites? What may these verses reveal about our hearts?
4. Read **1 Samuel 16:7; Isaiah 66:2; Mark 7:6; 16:14**. What do these verses tell us God sees? Why do some people not respond to the Word of God and others do? Can you share any personal examples? How can we help believers according to **Ephesians 6:18-19**? How can we help unbelievers according to **Matthew 9:38** and **Romans 10:14-16**?
5. Read **2 Kings 22:8-19**. The king of Judah was King Josiah. How did he reveal that he had a tender heart? What is the cure to a heart that is not tender according to **Psalms 51:10-17** and **1 John 1:9**?