

The Anointed Life

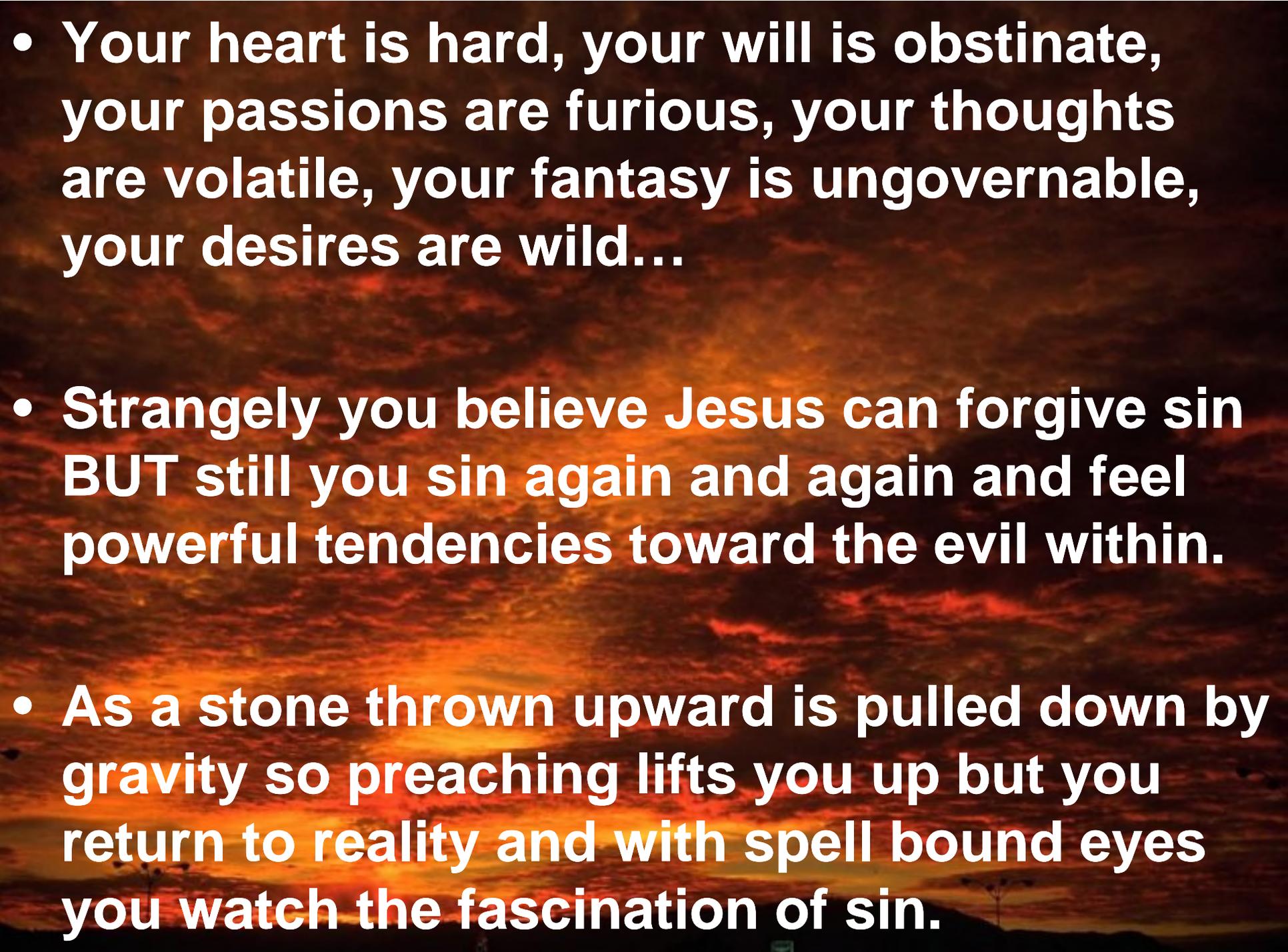
A Message Series

Deliverance from
Sinning

Ezekiel 36:25-27

We Need to be Justified

- **BUT you find it so hard to resist sinning which proves you aren't right before God or man.**
- **A happy, restful, spiritual health requires holiness and holiness requires getting rid of sin.**
- **How? You curb it, tame it, repress it but the sin nature won't respond. Anxious to do better, you find the inner man is getting worse.**

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- **Your heart is hard, your will is obstinate, your passions are furious, your thoughts are volatile, your fantasy is ungovernable, your desires are wild...**
 - **Strangely you believe Jesus can forgive sin BUT still you sin again and again and feel powerful tendencies toward the evil within.**
 - **As a stone thrown upward is pulled down by gravity so preaching lifts you up but you return to reality and with spell bound eyes you watch the fascination of sin.**

Justification Without Sanctification is a Scam!

- To be declared “right” without the power to change would not be salvation at all.
- It would be calling the leper clean and then watching him die of his disease.
- Jesus removes the penalty of sin.
(Justification)
- Jesus removes the power of sin.
(Sanctification)
- Jesus removes the presence of sin.
(Sanctification)

God's Power in Christ Defeats Sin

- **God Knows: You cannot change your heart; you cannot cleanse your nature.**
- **God Knows: He can do both.**
- **God can create you a second time- new birth.**
- **Imagine you are at the foot of the Niagara River. Speak a word and the river reverses its flow and leaps up the massive cliffs.**
- **God can do that for you, reversing the direction of your desires and the current of your life.**

God's Power Will Transform You

- **Let God be God in your heart – he won't play games.**
- **God removes the heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh. It becomes pliable, responsive to the teaching and leading of the Holy Spirit.**
- **Ever see a cat wash itself? Ever see a pig do that? No? It is contrary to it's nature.**
- **You cannot force an ungodly man to do what a godly man does most willingly. The godly man can't learn the art of Holy living because he doesn't want to!**

The New Nature

- **The hard heart will be tender; the depraved will choose virtue; the lion of anger will give way to the power of gentleness; the turkey buzzard of uncleanness will give way to the dove of purity, the serpent of deceit will be crushed under the heel of truth.**
- **The grace of God trains a man to deny ungodliness and the impulse of lust; it trains us to live with clear thoughtfulness; righteousness and to act godly in this present world. Titus 2:12**

Conclusion

- **But how? What business is it of yours?**
- **Does the Lord have to explain his methods before you believe him?**
- **This is a great mystery, one administered by the Holy Spirit.**
- **God promises and it is so. “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.” Jn. 1:12 NKJV**
- **Answer His call...would you?**