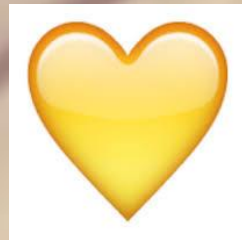




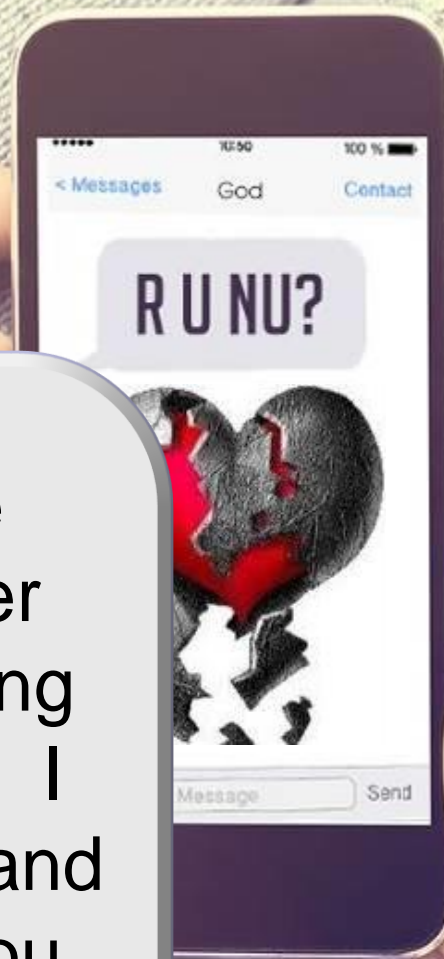
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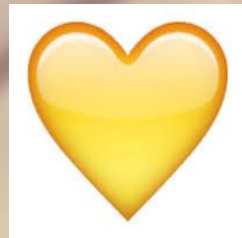


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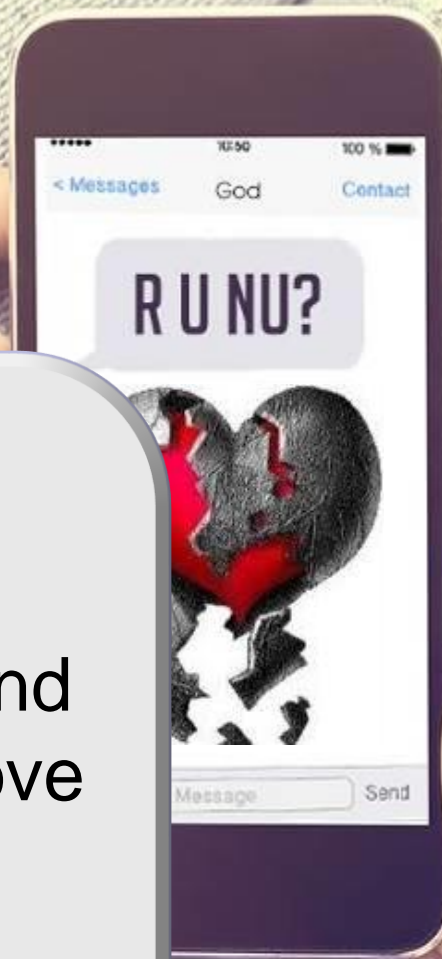
Ezekiel 36:24-26 "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. [25] I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.



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[26] I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

The prophetic promise is through Ezekiel.

- A promise given to Israel
- A promise given to all believers
- He will call us out from “the nations”—the world.
- He will cleanse us.
- He will give us a new heart.



The Heart is Important in the Bible

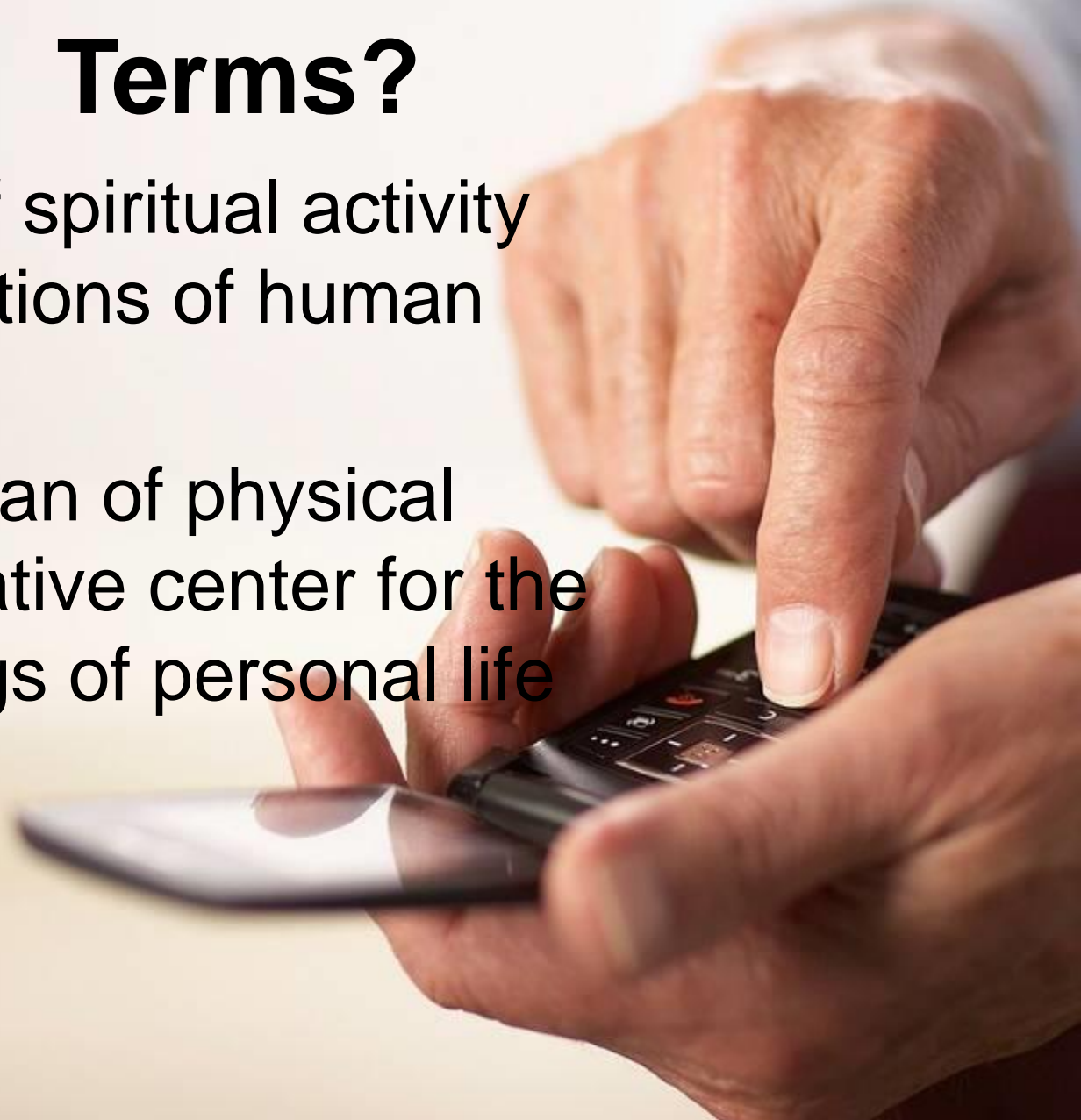
- The Bible talks about “the heart” prolifically
- It occurs 532 times in the NIV
- Hebrew *lāv*— Inner man, inner part, midst, mind, will, understanding, soul, conscience, seat of appetites, emotions, passions, courage
- Greek *kār-dē'-ä* – center of the circulation of the blood, seat of physical life, vigor and sense of physical life, center of spiritual life

The Heart is Important in the Bible

- Mark 12:30 (NIV) [30] Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'
- Matt 6:21 (NIV) [21] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Matt 15:19 (NIV) [19] For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

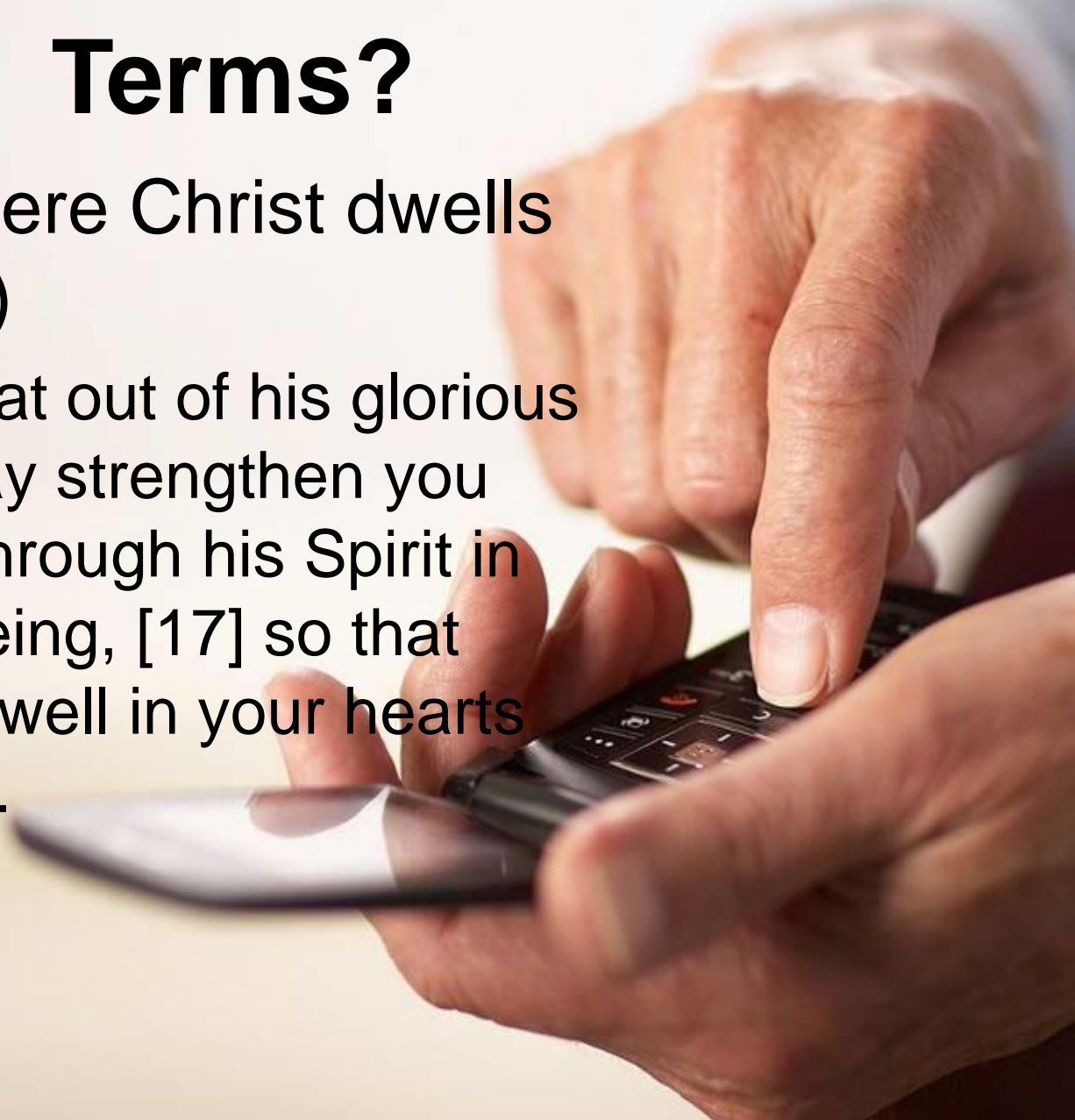
What is “The Heart” in Bible Terms?

- The center of spiritual activity and all operations of human life (Easton).
- The chief organ of physical life, the figurative center for the hidden springs of personal life (Vines)



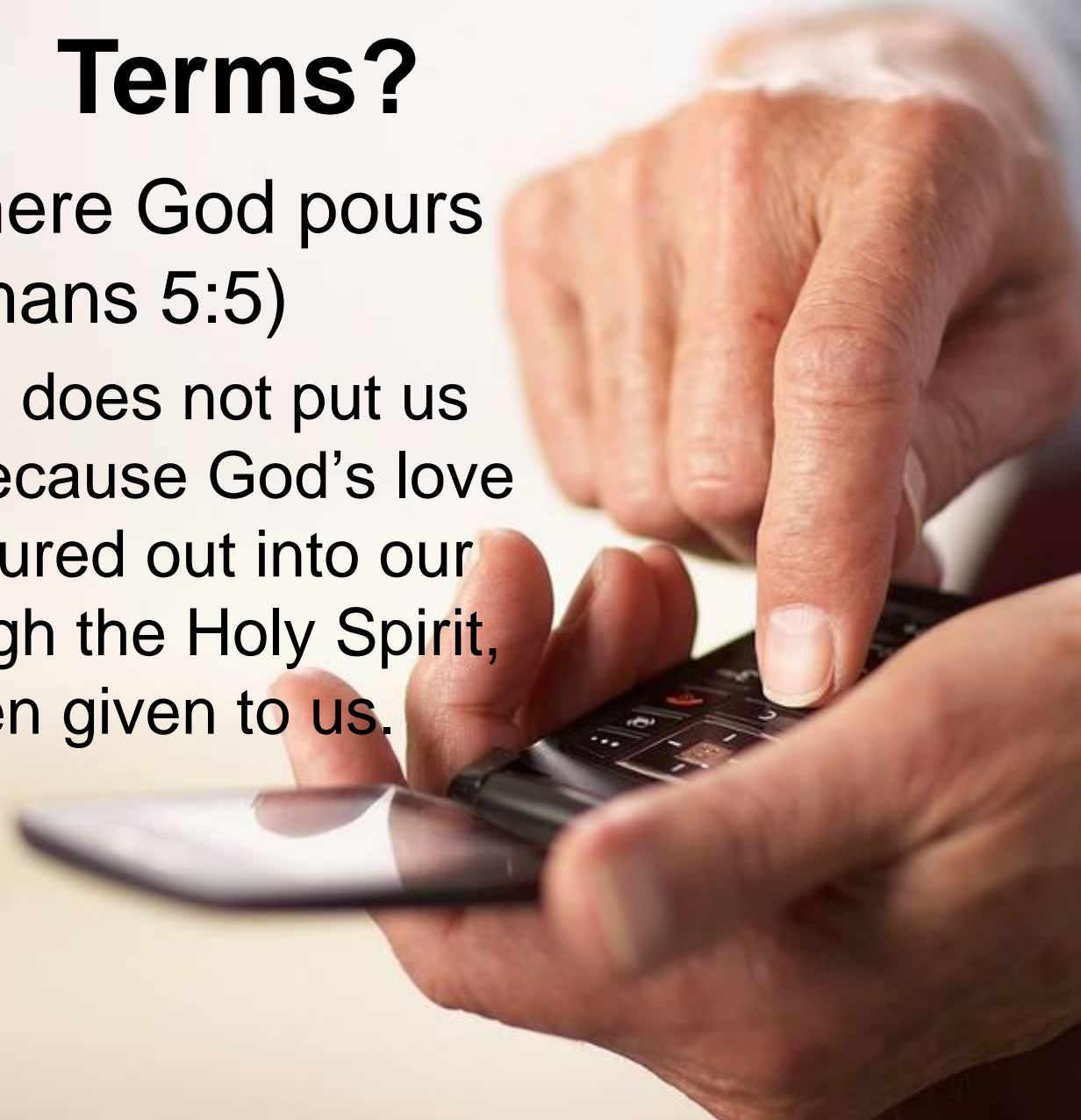
What is “The Heart” in Bible Terms?

- The place where Christ dwells (Eph 3:16-17)
 - [16] I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.



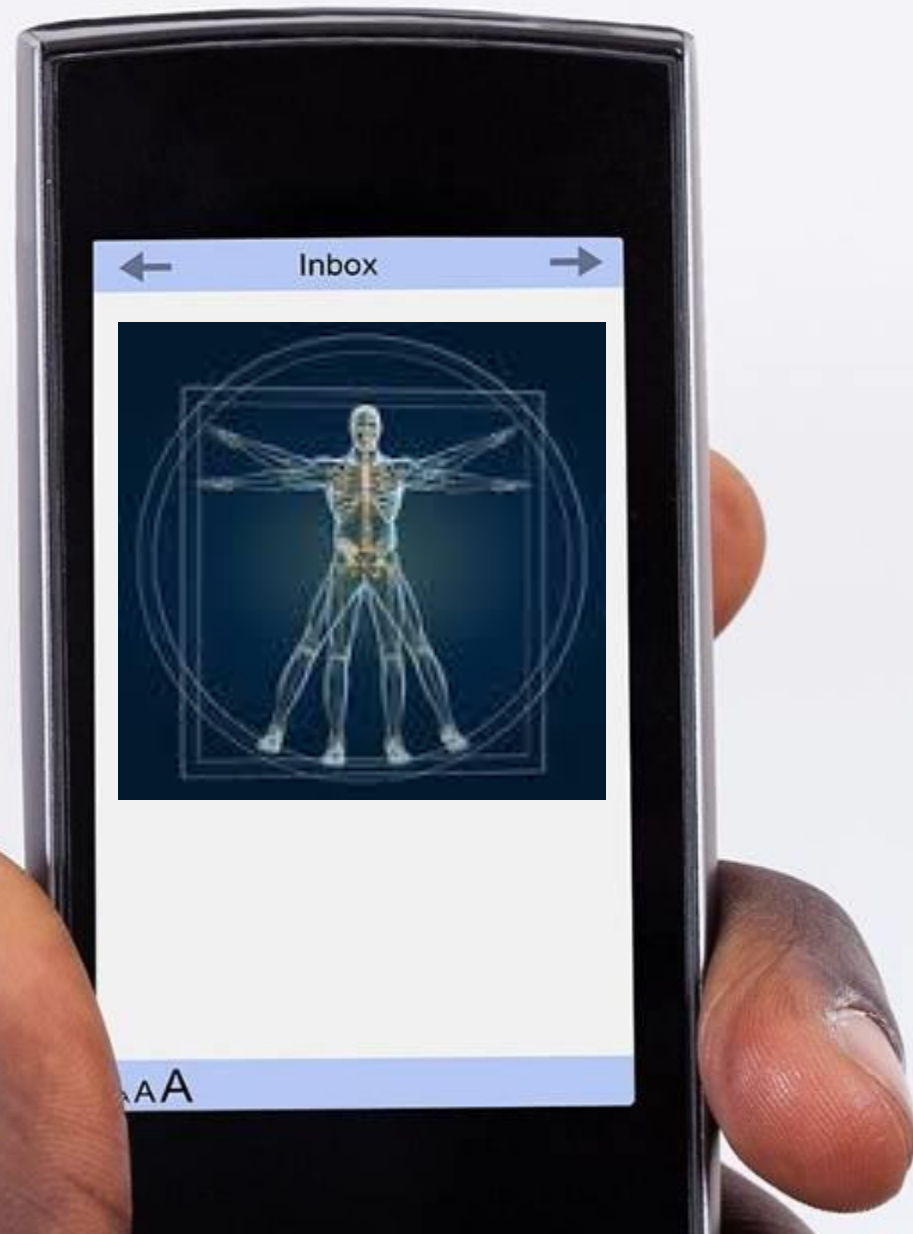
What is “The Heart” in Bible Terms?

- The place where God pours his love (Romans 5:5)
 - [5] And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



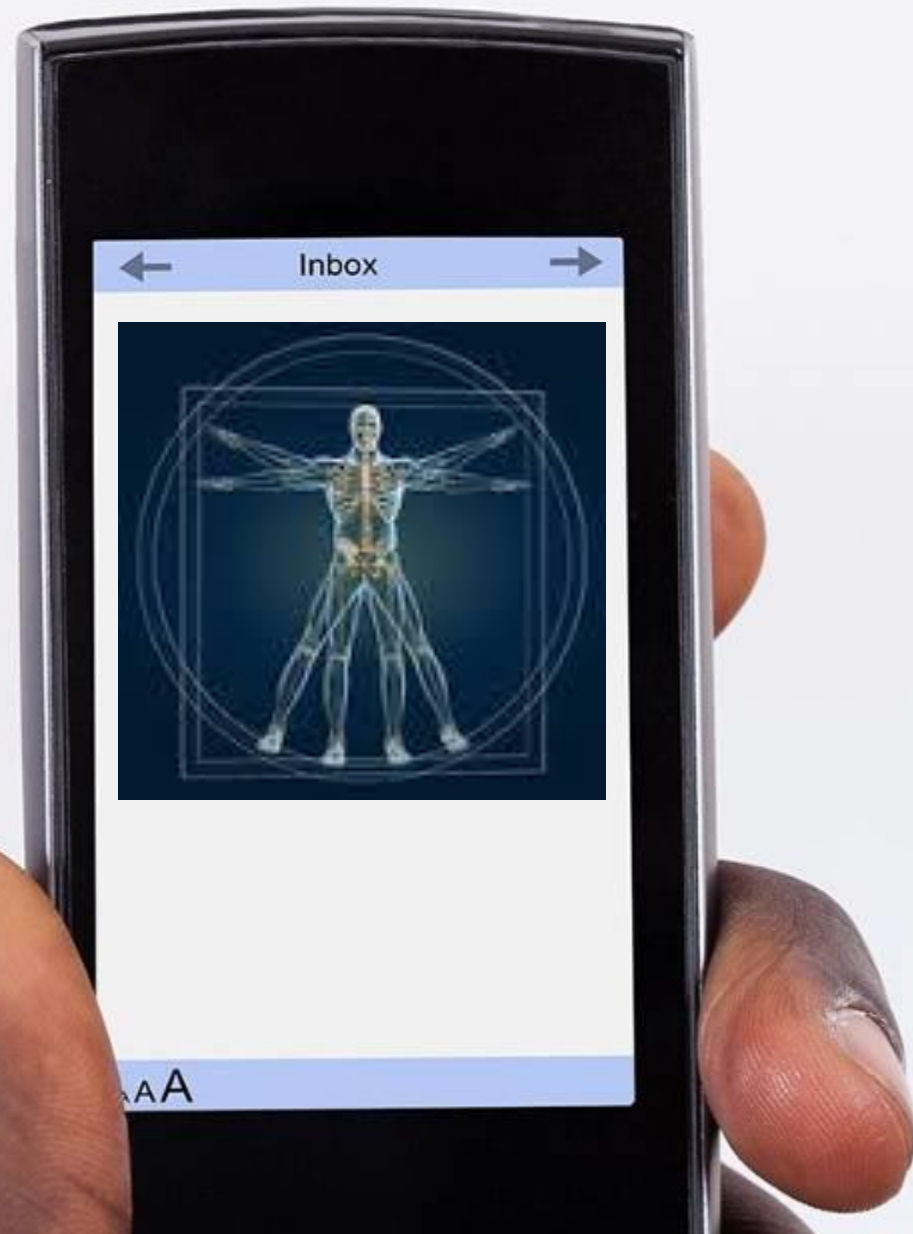
The Essence of Mankind

- Trichotomy
 - Body, Soul, and Spirit
- Dichotomy
 - Body, Soul/Spirit
- Monism
 - One “Element”



The Essence of Mankind

Regardless which view we may ascribe to and how we categorize the “heart” in relation to that view; it is clear in scripture the heart is a vital center of our commitment and devotion.



The Heart is Central to Our Primary Purpose-Loving God

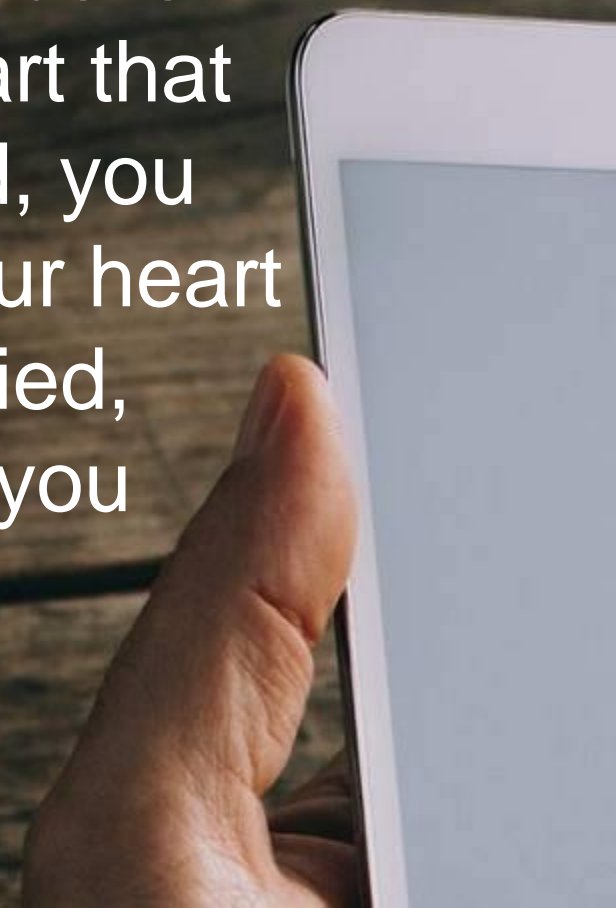
- Deuteronomy 6:5 (NIV) [5] Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
- Mark 12:33 (NIV) [33] To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

The Heart is Also Central to Our Primary Problem

- Matthew 15:18-19 (NIV) [18] But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.' [19] For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.
- Jeremiah 17:9 (NIV) [9] The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

The Heart is One Key to Our Salvation

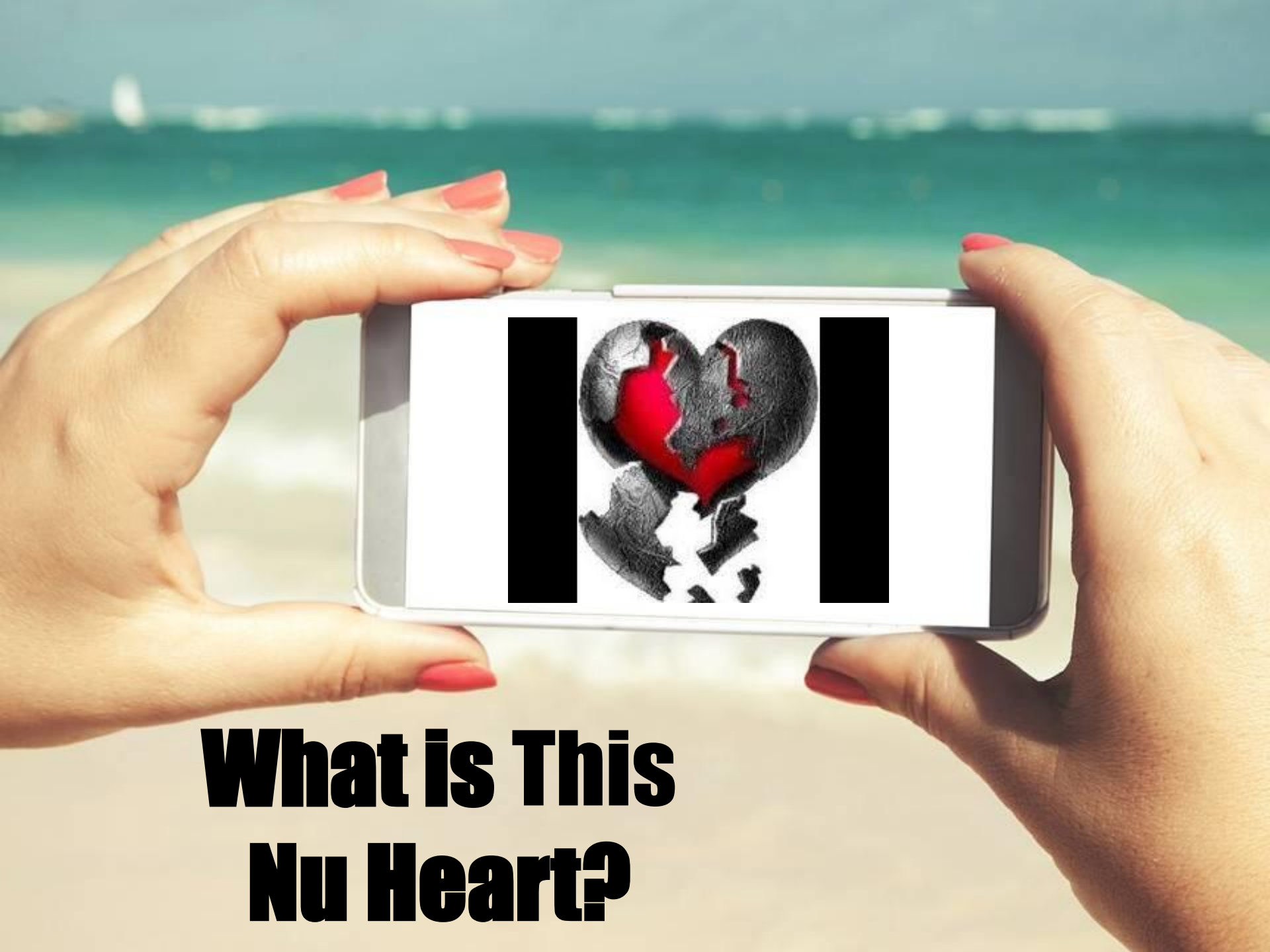
- Romans 10:9 (NIV) [9] That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.



The Heart is One Key to Our Salvation

- Confessing with our mouth must be matched by belief in our heart.
- It is with your heart that you believe and are justified.





**What is This
Nu Heart?**

A Tender Heart

- Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV) [26] I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
- Matthew 13:15 (NIV) [15] For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.'

A Tender Heart

- A tenderness toward God, His ways, and His compassion.
- A tenderness toward people.



An Undivided Heart

- Ezekiel 11:19-20 (NIV) [19] I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.
[20] Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. They will be my people, and I will be their God.
- We can be double-minded and unstable.
James 1:8

An Undivided Heart

- Matt 6:24 [24] “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”



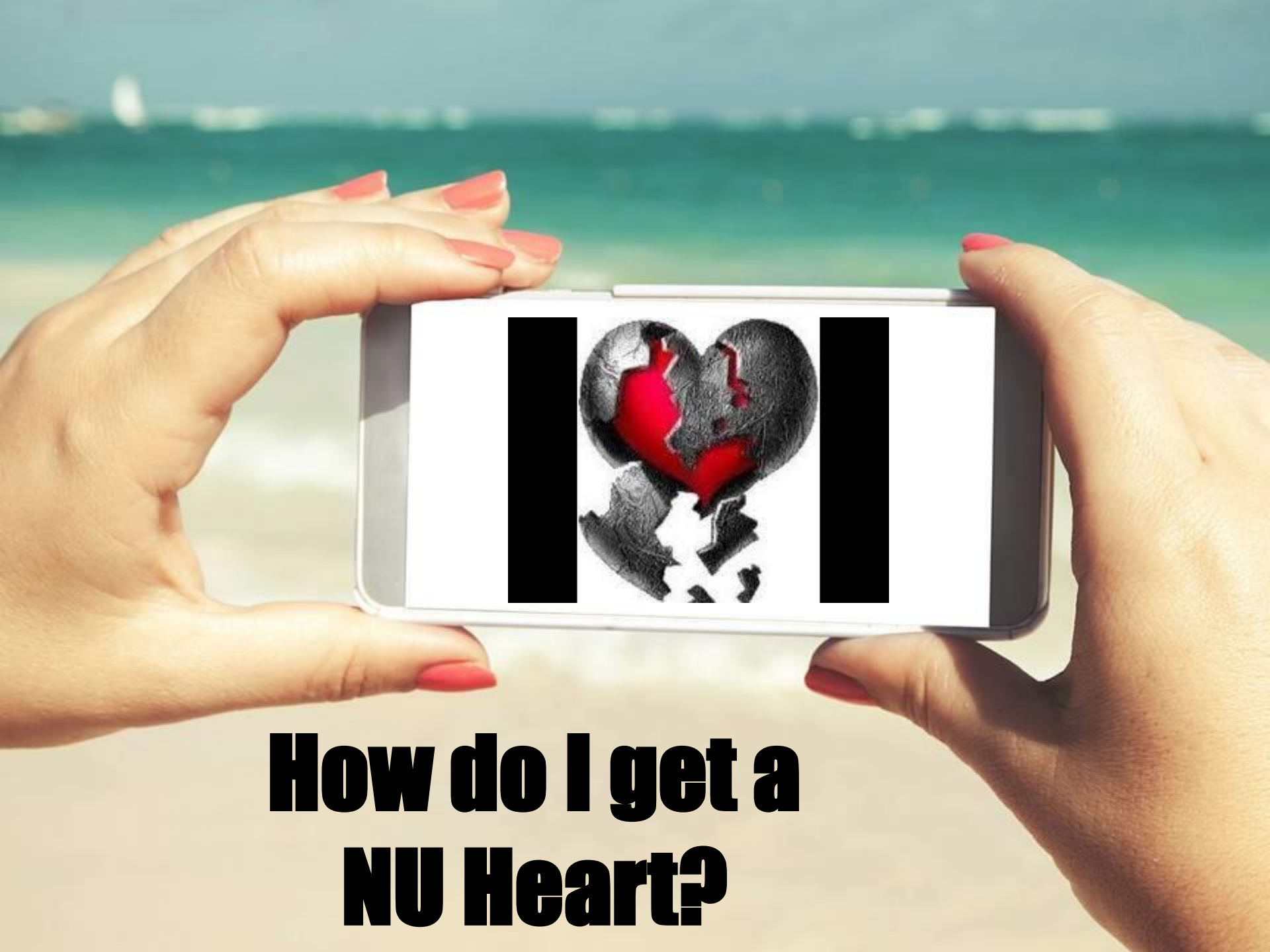
A Pure Heart

- Matthew 5:8 (NIV) [8] Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they will see God.
- James 4:8 (NIV) [8] Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and **purify your hearts**, you double-minded.



A Pure Heart

- Psalm 51:10 (NIV) [10] Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
- 1 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) [5] The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.
- 2 Timothy 2:22 (NIV) [22] Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.



**How do I get a
NU Heart?**

Ask For It

- Philippians 4:6 [6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
- Ask God to create a pure heart in you and he will



Believe You Will Receive It

- Matthew 21:21 [21] Jesus replied, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done.
- It works for fig trees, mountains and new hearts



Stand Firm

- Galatians 5:1 [1] It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
- The enemy will test your resolve but God is your stronghold
- Psalm 18:2 [2] The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

