

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

A Heart To Build December 2, 2025 Suzi Armstrong

1 Kings 11.4 NIV

⁴ As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and **his heart was not fully devoted to the Lord his God**, as the heart of David his father had been.

- Our heart is the place we transact with the Lord – it is the place of connection, devotion, worship, trust, and hope.
- Our heart is the place we turn to for direction on what to do, which way to turn, what to believe.
- Our heart is the place we establish covenant with the Lord. It is with your heart you believe and with your mouth you confess.
- It is in our heart that we meet with God, and we hear His voice.

Abraham's heart reflected his strong belief and his faith in God. He believed God and it was credited to him as righteousness. God transformed Gideon's heart from fearful to courageous. King David had a heart that followed after God. David put his trust in God when he faced Goliath, when Saul wanted to kill him, and when Absalom came to steal the throne. From his heart David cried out for God's insight, wisdom, and strength again and again. Paul prayed for the eyes of our heart to be opened so that we can see what God has for us. Jesus said to not let your heart be troubled because He had overcome the world.

Our heart is the core of our being. It is central to everything else in our lives – how we think, what we believe, how we conduct our lives. Our heart is where our deepest beliefs, emotions, will, and conscience reside. It is the place where our spirit lives. Scripture says to trust in the Lord with all of your heart. When we don't put total trust in the Lord then doubt, worries, and indecision plague our heart, causing us to grow weary and lose heart. This is a time when it is important to be resolute that the Lord is good. He is holy and righteous in all of His ways – even when everything is being shaken and hatred, corruption, and divisiveness is being exposed. These are all issues of the heart. The Lord desires that our hearts remain steadfast, undivided, and open to His leading, so that our relationship with Him grows deeper and more authentic.

Proverbs 4.23-25 NIV

²³ Above all else, **guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.**

²⁴ Keep your mouth free of perversity; **keep corrupt talk far from your lips.**

²⁵ Let your **eyes look straight ahead**; fix your gaze directly before you.

Matthew 5.8 NIV

⁸ **Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

Psalms 19.8-9 NIV

⁸ **The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.**

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

⁹ **The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.**

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

- Follow after the Lord with all of your heart.
- He is trustworthy.

1 Chronicles 22.19 NIV

¹⁹ **Now devote your heart and soul to seeking the Lord your God. Begin to build** the sanctuary of the Lord God, so that you may bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord and the sacred articles belonging to God into the temple that will be built for the Name of the Lord.

- We have entered a season of building with God, following His template and blueprints for the future.
- To build correctly, our hearts are to be devoted to God.
- Christ is our reality. The sure foundation. The Rock on which we build.
- He sustains all things by the power of His Word.

Hebrews 12.2-3 NIV

² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ **Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.**

There is a corporate heart. Detroit has a heart, as does our Nation. A church has a heart, as well as a family, a community, and a neighborhood. God is dropping blueprints into the hearts of those He has called to impact and to build Detroit. What is the Lord saying about the heart of Detroit? How do we guard the wellspring of life that flows from our City? Holy Spirit, give us wisdom and insight for this time.

Ezra 1.5 NIV

⁵ Then the family heads of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and Levites—**everyone whose heart God had moved—prepared to go up and build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem.**

- God has moved upon hearts of ones to build.

Romans 15.5-6 NIV

⁵ May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶ **so that with one heart and voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

- With one voice and one heart that is aligned to the heart of God, let us build.

Philippians 4.7 NIV

⁷ And **the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds** in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Lord, breathe on the heart of Detroit; form the new – bring Your order into our land. It is God who gives Detroit its identity. We release the penetrating power of God's Word into the foundations and heart of our City. Detroit, you will feed on the Word of the Lord and His presence will fill your streets.

Psalms 37.5-7 TPT Reworded

⁵ **Detroit, give God the right to direct your life and rebuild you as His City, and as you trust him along the way,** you'll find he pulled it off perfectly!

⁶ **He will appear as your righteousness, Detroit,** as sure as the dawning of a new day.
He will manifest as your justice,
as sure and strong as the noonday sun.

⁷ **Quiet your heart in his presence** and pray;
keep hope alive as you long for God to come through for you.
And don't think for a moment that the wicked, in their prosperity,
are better off than you.