



“Harden Not Your Heart” April 17, 2024

- I. **Hebrews 3:7-13**
 - A. **Harden**
 1. **To Render Stubborn; destitute of spiritual perception, callous, blind.**
 2. It is important to understand the importance of keeping your heart in a place to receive; in order to do this, pride and all hurts must be placed under The Blood (we will have an opportunity at the end of this service).
 - B. The Hardened Heart Cannot Receive From God
 1. When the hardened heart is present, you will always encounter unbelief (opposite of faith, which is necessary to receive from God).
 2. **Mark 8:14-21** – The Disciples were destitute of spiritual understanding and perception.
 3. **Mark 16:14** – When we allow our hearts to be hardened, we allow the negative to overwhelm the positive.

- II. What must I do?
 - A. First, realize that it is possible that your heart is hardened
 1. Most people deny this reality...because they cannot see it.
 2. Here are a few signs of the hardened heart:
 - Murmuring and Complaining
 - Fed Up and No Care Attitude toward people
 - Angry at God for what He has or has not done
 - Anger in general...
 - B. Forgive and Release the Bitterness
 1. **Hebrews 12:15** “Look diligently...”
 2. **Ephesians 4:31-32** “Let all bitterness...be put away from you...”
“Lord Jesus, Thank you for your Word; Thank you for the Blood that brings me total forgiveness. Right now, I release all bitterness, murmuring, and anger in the name of Jesus. I am free from the heart of unbelief; I am free from the hardened heart. My heart is full of love, grace, and peace in Jesus name.”