

I Will: 2 of 5  
 “Lead My Heart”  
 Cornerstone Church of Poway  
 Pastor Ed Turley  
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**Big Idea:** I will make grace the foundation for my relationships.

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” **Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) Remember Verse**

**I Will Lead My Heart By:**

**1. Examining My \_\_\_\_\_**

“The human heart is the most **deceitful** of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is? But I, the LORD, search all hearts and **examine secret motives**. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their **actions** deserve.” **Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NLT)**

Jesus replied, “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” **Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT2)**

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

“Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a **craving** for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this **world is fading away**, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will **live forever**.” **1 John 2:15-17 (NLT2)**

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**2. Following The \_\_\_\_\_**

“The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the **opposite** of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the **opposite** of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.” **Galatians 5:17 (NLT2)**

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“When you **follow** the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild

parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.” **Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT2)**

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!” **Galatians 5:22-25 (NLT2)**

I need to improve in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

“Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us **follow the Spirit’s leading** in every part of our lives.” **Galatians 5:24-25 (NLT2)**

### 3. Taking Time To \_\_\_\_\_

“But if you refuse to serve the LORD, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the LORD.” **Joshua 24:15 (NLT2)**

“So I recommend **having fun**, because there is nothing better for people in this world than to eat, drink, and **enjoy life**. That way they will experience some **happiness** along with all the **hard work** God gives them under the sun.”  
**Ecclesiastes 8:15 (NLT)**

“So go ahead. Eat your food with **joy**, and drink your wine with a **happy heart**, for God approves of this! Wear fine clothes, with a splash of cologne! **Live happily** with the woman you love through all the meaningless days of life that God has given you under the sun. The wife God gives you is your **reward** for all your earthly toil.”  
**Ecclesiastes 9:7-9 (NLT)**

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➤ What is my next right step in leading my heart?

### My Next Right Step I Will Lead My Heart By:

- Examining my **motives**
- Improving in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control
- Making a list of fun things to do together and calendaring one of those activities in the next two weeks and one in the next month.
- Accepting Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior



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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss.]

**Open your group with a prayer.**

**Icebreaker:** What is the most fun you and your family have had?

**Big Idea:** I will make grace the foundation for my relationships.

**Review remember verse:**

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” **Ephesians 4:32 (NIV) Remember Verse**

How can this verse help make a foundation for grace in your relationships?

**I Will Lead My Heart By:**

**1. Examining My Motives**

**Read Jeremiah 17:9-10**

Has my heart misled me in the past?

How can I know if my heart is in the right place?

**Read Matthew 22:37-40**

What does it mean to love God with my all?

Considering the choices I am making, are they demonstrating I really love God?  
Others?

How does my love for God affect my love for others?

**Read 1 John 2:15-17**

Why does John describe them as cravings?

What am I craving that goes against loving God or others?

What am I feeding that seems to be never satisfied?

## 2. Following The Holy Spirit

### **Galatians 5:17**

Why is there opposition to what I may feel like doing?

### **Read Galatians 5:19-21**

What areas do you need to improve the most? How?

I need to improve in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

### **Read Galatians 5:24-25 (NLT2)**

What helps me to follow the Holy Spirit's leading?

## 3. Taking Time To Enjoy My Relationships

### **Read Joshua 24:15**

What decision did Joshua make for his household?

How can you follow his example?

### **Ecclesiastes 8:15**

Since hard work is part of providing for your family, what should you make a priority with your relationships?

Do we sometimes go too far with this verse? Not far enough?

Where are you?

### **Read Ecclesiastes 9:7-9**

How does this verse describe a husband and wife?

Make a list of fun things you like to do with your family and calendar one of those activities in the next two weeks and one in the next month.

**Close in Prayer:** Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.

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