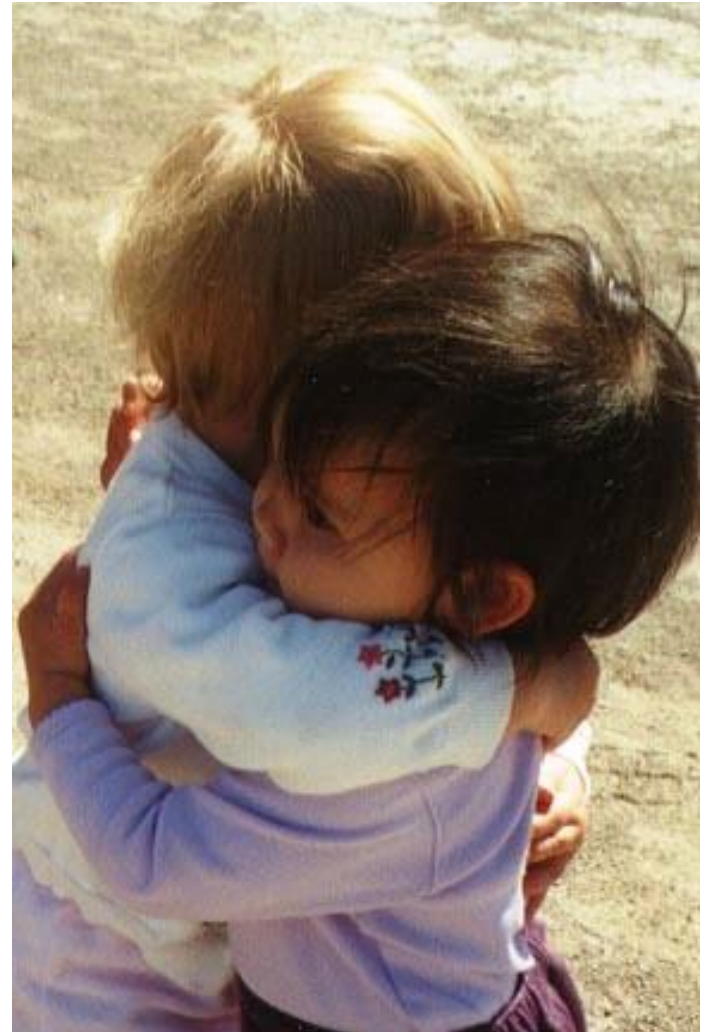


# Experts think 3-4% have “feelings” issues

- Little or no feelings
- Can often do and say things with no conscience
- Believe they have some advantage over “feeling” people
- Develop clever ways to mask their unfeeling
- Broadly falls under “antisocial personality disorder”



# Logic for the Non-feeling person



# Jesus the with Pilate

## John 19:

**Then Pilate therefore took Jesus and flogged *Him*.** And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns and put *it on His head. And they put a purple robe on Him*, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! And they struck Him with their hands. Then Pilate went out again and said to them, Behold, I bring him out to you so that you may know that I find no fault in him. Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And *Pilate said to them, Behold the man!* Then when the chief priests and under-officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Crucify! Crucify *Him!* *Pilate said to them, You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in him.* The Jews answered him, We have a Law, and by our Law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. Then when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid. *And he went again into the praetorium and said to Jesus, Where are you from? But Jesus gave him no answer.* Then Pilate said to him, Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to crucify you, and I have authority to release you? Jesus answered, You could have no authority against Me unless it were given to you from above. Therefore he who delivered Me to you has the greater sin.

# Writer Describes Her Unfeeling Condition

“For about a year now it almost seems as I have no feelings at all. I have a wonderful boyfriend of 3 years who loves me more than anything. I tell him I love him too, but I think that is just out of habit and what I am supposed to do to be normal. Nothing makes me laugh anymore, I just laugh at things when other people do. My friend's father-in-law just passed away and I felt no sort of sadness or sympathy for the family. I basically just acted like I cared. I know that sounds awful, but I feel like a cold-hearted person. Nothing seems to excite me anymore, nothing makes me sad, nothing makes me happy. I am just un-emotional. I have no reason to be depressed, my life is perfectly normal. College education, great job, just bought a house, great family, no financial or relationship problems. I am only 27 years old, what is wrong with me?”

# Feeling the Pain



# Unfeeling Condition

Whereas man treats extreme cases of lack of conscious, feeling, and emotion (known as sociopathy) with medicine, psychotherapy, and cognitive reconditioning...the Bible describes men with hardness of the heart, that in some ways sounds similar to sociopathic behavior.

# Hardened Heart Examples

Pharaoh in Exodus 5:1-2

Exo 5:1 And after that, Moses and Aaron came to Pharaoh, and said, The Lord, the God of Israel, says, Let my people go so that they may keep a feast to me in the waste land.

Exo 5:2 And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, to whose voice I am to give ear and let Israel go? I have no knowledge of the Lord and I will not let Israel go.

# Hardened Heart Examples

## Cain in Genesis 4

**Gen 4:1 And Adan knew Eve his wife, and she became with child and gave birth to Cain, and said, I have got a man from the Lord.**

Gen 4:2 Then again she became with child and gave birth to Abel, his brother. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a farmer.

Gen 4:3 And after a time, Cain gave to the Lord an offering of the fruits of the earth.

Gen 4:4 And Abel gave an offering of the young lambs of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord was pleased with Abel's offering;

Gen 4:5 But in Cain and his offering he had no pleasure. And Cain was angry and his face became sad.

Gen 4:6 And the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? and why is your face sad?

Gen 4:7 If you do well, will you not have honor? and if you do wrong, sin is waiting at the door, desiring to have you, but do not let it be your master.

Gen 4:8 And Cain said to his brother, Let us go into the field: and when they were in the field, Cain made an attack on his brother Abel and put him to death.

Gen 4:9 And the Lord said to Cain, Where is your brother Abel? And he said, I have no idea: am I my brother's keeper?

Gen 4:10 And he said, What have you done? the voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the earth.



# Parable of the Sower

Mat 13:1-9

**On that day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side.** And there were gathered unto him great multitudes, so that he entered into a boat, and sat; and all the multitude stood on the beach. And he spoke to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow; and as he sowed, some *seeds fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured them:* and others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth: and straightway they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And others fell upon the thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked them: And others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He that hath ears, let him hear.

# The seed is responsible for growing wherever it is thrown

Mat 13:1-9



# Jesus was a man of feeling

John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you; continue in My love. If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. I have spoken these things to you so that My joy might remain in you and your joy might be full. This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master does. But I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit, and *that your fruit should remain; that whatever you shall ask of the Father in My name, He may give it to you.* These things I command you, that you love one another.

# Evidence of God's Creation

## Romans 1:18-21

For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because the thing which may be known of God is clearly revealed within them, for God revealed *it to them*. For the unseen things of Him from *the creation of the world are clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse*. Because, knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, neither were thankful. But *they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened*. Professing to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things.

# Evidence of God's Creation

## The Earth

The Earth...its size is perfect. The Earth's size and corresponding gravity holds a thin layer of mostly nitrogen and oxygen gases, only extending about 50 miles above the Earth's surface. If Earth were smaller, an atmosphere would be impossible, like the planet Mercury. If Earth were larger, its atmosphere would contain free hydrogen, like Jupiter.<sup>3</sup> Earth is the only known planet equipped with an atmosphere of the right mixture of gases to sustain plant, animal and human life.

The Earth is located the right distance from the sun. Consider the temperature swings we encounter, roughly -30 degrees to +120 degrees. If the Earth were any further away from the sun, we would all freeze. Any closer and we would burn up. Even a fractional variance in the Earth's position to the sun would make life on Earth impossible. The Earth remains this perfect distance from the sun while it rotates around the sun at a speed of nearly 67,000 mph. It is also rotating on its axis, allowing the entire surface of the Earth to be properly warmed and cooled every day.

And our moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull. The moon creates important ocean tides and movement so ocean waters do not stagnate, and yet our massive oceans are restrained from spilling over across the continents.<sup>4</sup>

# Evidence of God's Creation

## The Earth -- Water

**Water**...colorless, odorless and without taste, and yet no living thing can survive without it. Plants, animals and human beings consist mostly of water (about two-thirds of the human body is water). You'll see why the characteristics of water are uniquely suited to life: It has an unusually high boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady 98.6 degrees. Water is a universal solvent. This property of water means that various chemicals, minerals and nutrients can be carried throughout our bodies and into the smallest blood vessels.<sup>5</sup> Water is also chemically neutral. Without affecting the makeup of the substances it carries, water enables food, medicines and minerals to be absorbed and used by the body. Water has a unique surface tension. Water in plants can therefore flow upward against gravity, bringing life-giving water and nutrients to the top of even the tallest trees.

**Water freezes from the top down** and floats, so fish can live in the winter.

Ninety-seven percent of the Earth's water is in the oceans. But on our Earth, there is a system designed which removes salt from the water and then distributes that water throughout the globe. Evaporation takes the ocean waters, leaving the salt, and forms clouds which are easily moved by the wind to disperse water over the land, for vegetation, animals and people. It is a system of purification and supply that sustains life on this planet, a system of recycled and reused water

# Worshipping Created Things?



# Hope for those with Hardened Hearts

**Ephesians 4:17-27**

Therefore, I tell you and insist on in the Lord not to live any longer like the gentiles live, thinking worthless thoughts. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. Since they have lost all sense of shame, they have abandoned themselves to sensuality and practice every kind of sexual perversion without restraint. However, that is not the way you came to know the Messiah. Surely you have listened to him and have been taught by him, since truth is in Jesus. Regarding your former way of life, you were taught to strip off your old nature, which is being ruined by its deceptive desires, to be renewed in your mental attitude, and to clothe yourselves with the new nature, which was created according to God's image in righteousness and true holiness. Therefore, stripping off falsehood, "let each of us speak the truth to his neighbor," for we belong to one another. "Be angry, yet do not sin." Do not let the sun set while you are still angry, and do not give the devil an opportunity to work.



# Seek out God

“Jer 29:12 When you call out to me and come and pray to me, I'll hear you.

Jer 29:13 You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart. “



# Which Road to take?



Jesus Christ is the clearest, most specific picture of God revealing himself to us

# Summary

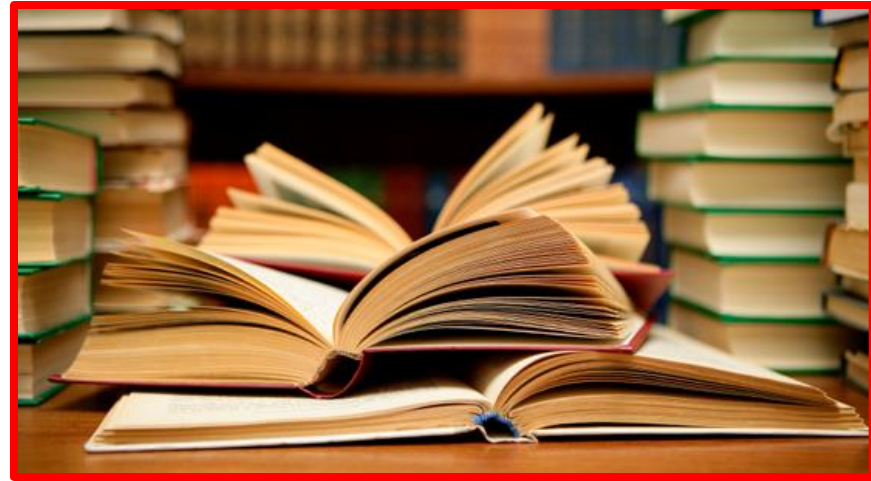
## **What we know:**

- The Bible heavily points towards the conclusion that we are responsible for the condition of our own heart
- Blaming God by saying “But...that’s the way you made me!” is a losing argument – you will wind up lost
- Repentance is a choice we can make today to change our evil ways and condition

# Summary

## **What you should do if you are among the “unfeeling”:**

- If you can get out of the way of danger, then recognize that to remain in sin is danger
- Rest heavily on the logical proofs for the existence of God
- Pray to God for remorse and feeling of heart
- Follow God’s plan of salvation (hear, believe, repent, confess, and be baptized)



# Talking Points

- The Heart – this hidden thing that we feel and have awareness of, yet others only sense its condition by the things we say and do
- Intellectualism tenet – being able to put yourself in another person's shoes
- For the non-feeling person, coming to Christ is like a loveless wedding
- John King's dad was unloving