

Scriptural Precedent

- John 5:14; 8:11
- 1 John 2:1
- Hebrews 12:4

A Very "Hard Row to Hoe" for Some

- 2 Peter 2:12–14
- Many have been "hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:13).
- They have become "accustomed to do evil" (Jeremiah 3:13).
- Result: Ephesians 4:19.

Hope even for these people...

- Going to take a heart transplant, a "new heart" like the one described in Ezekiel 18:31.
- A new heart that says, "show me Your ways, O Lord; teach me Your paths" (Psalms 25:4).
- A heart whose aim is to well pleasing to God in all things (2 Corinthians 5:10).

"No Sin November" Plan of Action

- 1. Remove stumbling blocks (Matt. 18:8–9).
- 2. Pray diligently (Matt. 6:13; 26:41).
- 3. Guard our minds (Prov. 4:23).
- 4. Choose associations carefully (Prov. 12:26).
- 5. Keep anger in check (Eph. 4:26-27).
- 6. Flee temptation and sin (Gen. 39:7–12).
- 7. Study God's word diligently (Psa. 119:9–11).

The Hard Reality

- We will fail, at least at some point (1 John 1:8, 10).
- If not what we've done, what we've left undone (James 4:17).
- It's those who hate sin, who diligently strive to avoid it, who will come back to the Lord with a "broken and contrite heart" (Psa. 51:17).
- One with this heart will acknowledge sin, seek the Lord's forgiveness, and determine once again to "sin no more" (John 5:14; 8:11).

