

## When God Puts His Law in You (8/6/23)

**Main Verses:** Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Key Verse:** Jeremiah 31:33

**'Takeaway':** What the prophets announced long ago came true in Jesus! Wonderfully, through him we can have a new heart from the Holy Spirit - a heart to love and obey God.

**Getting Started:** Have you every had to wait for something a really long time?



**READ:** Jeremiah 31:31-34 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What is a covenant?
- What was wrong with the “old” covenant?
- What does it mean when God says, “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts”?

Elementary:

- Why is a new covenant needed?
- What is the new covenant God makes with his people? Why is this such good news for us?
- When God declares “And I will be their God, and they shall be my people” what is he saying?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- A covenant is an agreement; like a promise. Marriage is an example of a covenant made between two people. Here, God makes a covenant with his people.
- God is always faithful to his covenant like a good husband; the people were unfaithful and broke their vows to him.
- In the old covenant, the law was written on tablets and scrolls and the people had to learn it and try to keep it on their hearts. In the new covenant, God writes it on our hearts and he (through his Spirit) will teach his people through their faith in Jesus.

Elementary:

- A new covenant is needed because while God was faithful to his covenant like a good husband, the people were unfaithful and continually broke their vows to him.
- The old covenant was written on tablets and scrolls and the people had to learn it and internalize it. The good news is in the new covenant - through faith in Jesus, God writes it on our hearts and teaches us through his Spirit

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, and thank him for his faithfulness. Thank him for his new covenant which through faith in Jesus, is written in our hearts. Ask God to teach you more about himself and ask him to help you to love him and live for him every day.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for his faithfulness. Thank him for his new covenant in Jesus, which is written on our hearts. Ask him to give you a new heart, one that wants to love and obey him. You might pray something like this: **Admit** you are guilty of living a me-centered life instead of a God-centered one. **Believe** that Jesus is your only hope for forgiveness, freedom, and forever with God. With your whole heart and being, **commit** yourself to following Jesus' loving leadership. If you pray this, or have questions about what it means, talk to a trusted adult in your life about it.