

Message Notes

Tablets of Hearts

Scripture Passages

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A new Mini-Series!
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I got your letter right here!
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2. The medium was the hearts of Paul's team
3. Known and read by everyone
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5. Paul's team instrumental
6. Not with ink – but with Spirit
7. Not on tablets of stone – but on tablets of hearts

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2 Corinthians 2:12-17

¹²Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, ¹³I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said good-bye to them and went on to Macedonia.

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¹⁴But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him.

¹⁵For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life.



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And who is equal to such a task? ¹⁷Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

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Physical Education

February 5, 2008

To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to write this letter on behalf of J.R. Leonard. J.R. recently completed his student teaching experience at Dexter High School and proved not only to be prepared to take on his own classroom, but also to be very successful in doing so.

J.R. experienced a wide variety of teaching responsibilities during his 8 week stay here at Dexter High School, ranging from observing and modeling lessons, to writing lesson plans and executing them; creating assignments, to grading assignments and tests; not to mention many other duties related to running a physical education program.

He was able to experience teaching students ranging from 13 to 18 years of age, with all levels of academic skills, reading levels, physical abilities and disabilities, including special needs students.

J.R. also displayed strengths in personal areas: he was dependable, well prepared, punctual, courteous, professional in his demeanor, and eager to receive constructive feedback. He was always quick to ask questions or ask for advice. His planning and preparation for class was excellent.

It is in my opinion that J.R. had a very successful student teaching experience that has helped him grow towards becoming a top notch physical educator. I highly recommend him to any district seeking a great young teacher who will bring excellence to the physical education program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angie Scott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Angie Scott

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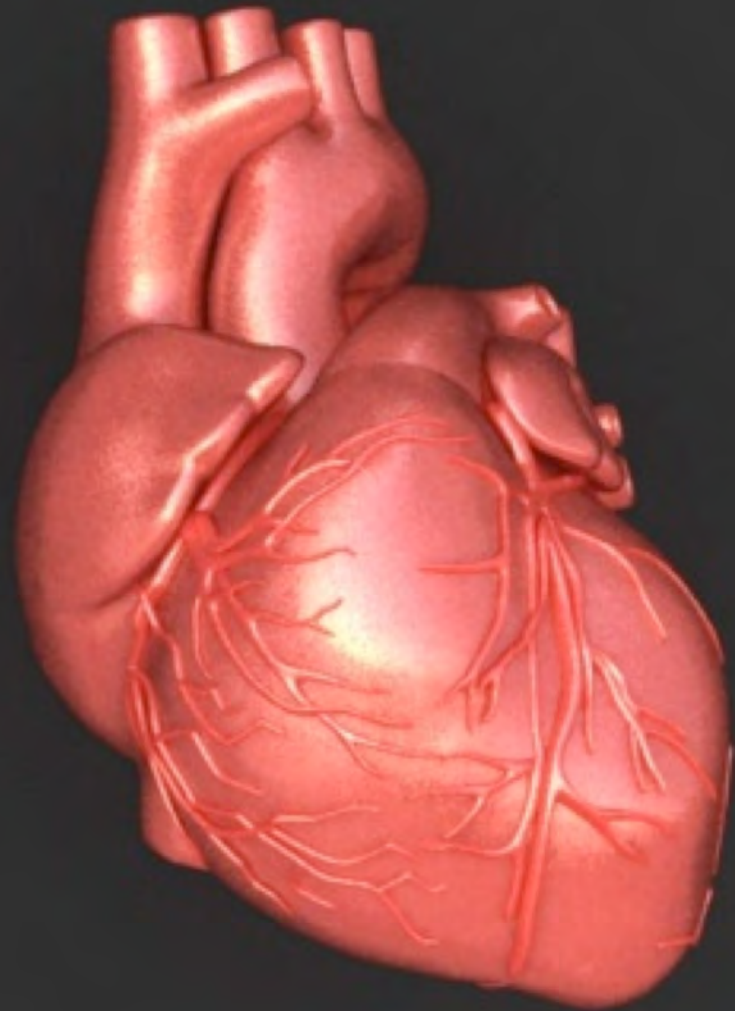
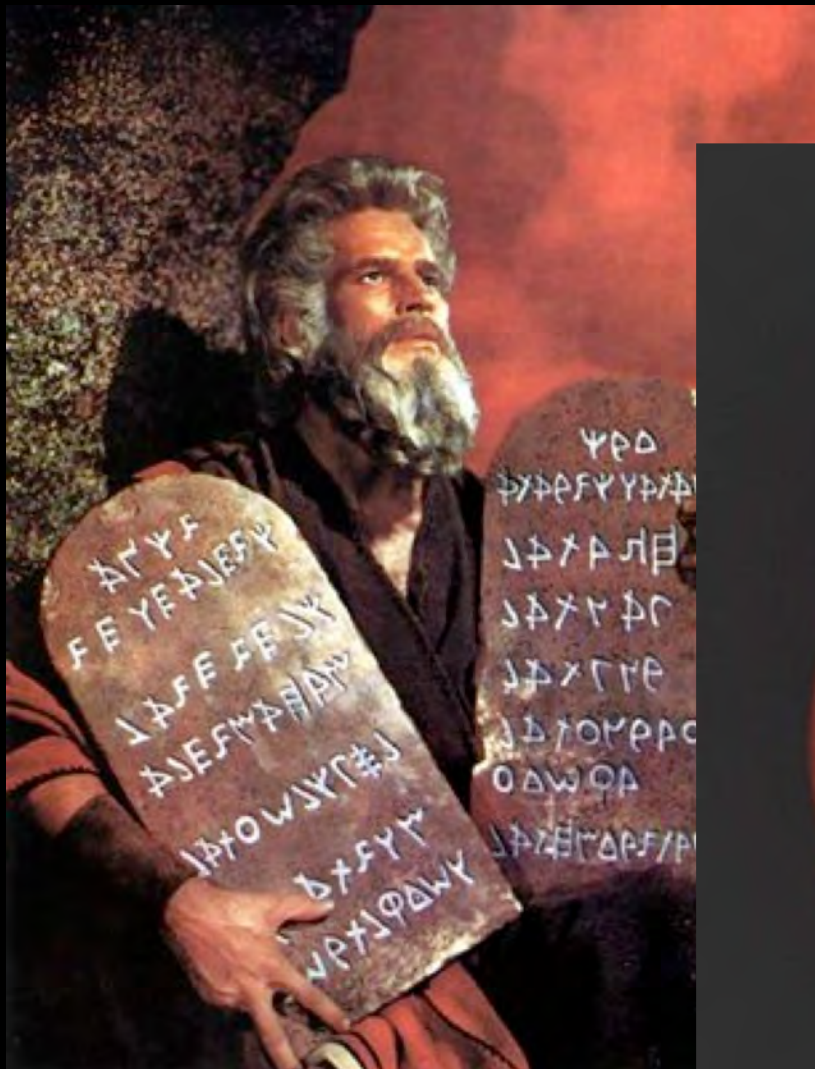
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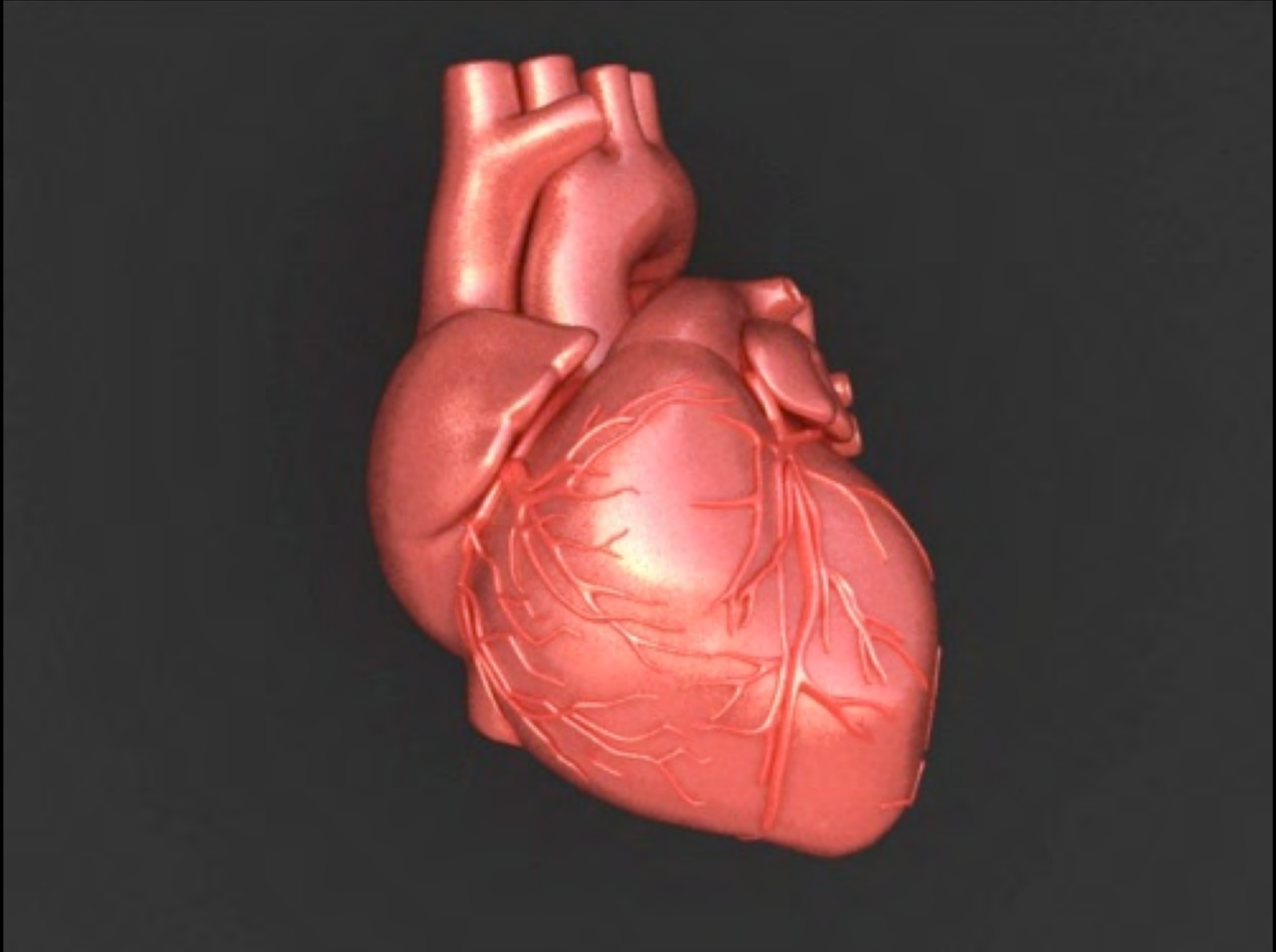
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To Whom it may concern:

Paul is the real deal.
Take a look at the Corinthian's.

Signed,

Jesus

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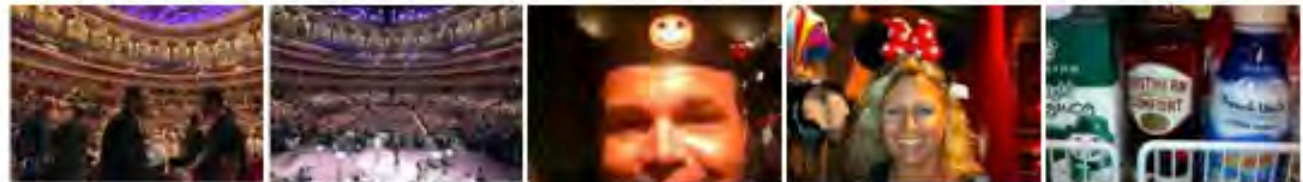
“God can achieve his purpose either through the absence of human power and resources, or the abandonment of reliance on them. All through history God has chosen and used nobodies, because their unusual dependence on him made possible the unique display of his power and grace. He chose and used somebodies only when they renounced dependence on their natural abilities and resources.”

~ Oswald Chambers, “Man’s Weakness — God’s Strength,”
Missionary Crusader (December 1964), p. 7.



Mark Driscoll

Teacher



Basic Information

About

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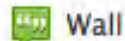
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Biography

I was born in 1970. I was born again in late 1989. I was married to Grace aka "Beauty" in 1992. I planted Mars Hill Church Seattle in the fall of 1996. Today, I am blessed to be the daddy to five kids and enjoy the patience of Jesus in all things as I keep shoveling out my barn ala Proverbs 14:4. I look forward to heaven, and in the meantime find preaching the gospel and time with my family to be the closest I get in this life.



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“Would you like to see your old heart?” At 8 p.m. on a subsequent evening, the men stood in a room of the Groote Schuur Hospital in Johannesburg, South Africa. Dr. Barnard went up to a cupboard, took down a glass container and handed it to Dr. Blaiberg. Inside that container was Blaiberg’s old heart. For a moment he stood there stunned into silence—the first man in history ever to hold his own heart in his hands. Finally he spoke and for ten minutes plied Dr. Barnard with technical questions. Then he turned to take a final look at the contents of the glass container, and said, “So this is my old heart that caused me so much trouble.” He handed it back, turned away and left it forever.

~ As told by John Blanchard, *The Truth for Life* p. 231.

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