

# *the* TAKE HOME 01.15.17

## Today's Scripture Passages

Hope deferred makes the heart sick... Proverbs 13:12

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? Jeremiah 17:9

...he (God) will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

**Our Fallen Condition:** We fear some of our desires & expectations won't be met. When they are not met, we fear that God must not know what He is doing and we make poor decisions.

**The Bid Idea:** We need to face our fear of unmet expectations with the faith that Jesus alone can give us.

## Application and Reflection...

- What is an unmet expectation that might be causing fear and heart sickness in your life right now?
- Have you noticed lately any desires in your heart that don't belong there?
- How can you use the Word of God to help guard what you let in your heart?
- Think about the desires & expectations in your heart. Are they about you being delighted? Happy? Satisfied? Getting what you want? Do you need to surrender the desires so that God's delight becomes your main goal?
- Knowing that God will "act on your behalf," are you willing to commit every aspect of your unmet expectations to God?
- What are you leaning on? Your own understanding? Or God's promises?

## Prayer:

1. Our search for a pastor. Specifically, for elder conversations with the man the search team and elders believe may be the person God wants as our pastor.
2. Our church moving forward in step with the Spirit of God in this new year.
3. Spiritual, Relational, Numerical, and Financial Growth of our church.

# Sermon Notes

Where do unmet expectations come from?

Should we do away with all desires & expectations?

How do we face the fear of unmet expectations?

Above all else, **guard your heart**, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:12

What does it look like to guard your heart?

For the word of God is alive and active...**it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.** Hebrews 4:12

**Take delight in the LORD**, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4

**Commit your future to the LORD!** Trust in him, and he will act on your behalf. Psalm 37:5 NET