



Week 18

April 27th– May 3rd 2025

## I WILL KEEP MY HEART OPEN TO GOD!

Base Verse: Acts 28:27 NLT

In Acts 26, after speaking to King Agrippa, Paul was almost released because the king didn't find him guilty. However, Paul was sent to Rome to stand before Caesar. When Paul arrived in Rome (Acts 28), he invited local Jewish leaders to his house. He wasn't in a normal prison, he was on house arrest! He had a guard watch him in his home. He told the Jewish leaders all about the charges against him and the truth about Jesus and God's Kingdom. Some believed, but others didn't. Paul reminded them of Isaiah's prophecy that some people's hearts would be too hard to understand God's truth. This story teaches us to keep our hearts open to receive God's message and love.



Acts 28:27 NLT “For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes—so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.”



The Holy Spirit said these words to the prophet Isaiah almost 800 years before Paul said them to the Jewish leaders! Paul just repeated them!

### PAUL'S MESSAGE MATCH

Draw a line to match what Paul said with what it means.

PAUL  
SAID...

Their ears don't hear

Their hearts are hard

They won't turn to God

They don't want to listen

They won't let God help them

They don't want to be healed

WHAT IT  
MEANS

Why do I think some people choose not to listen to God?

Is my heart open to hearing what God wants to say to me?

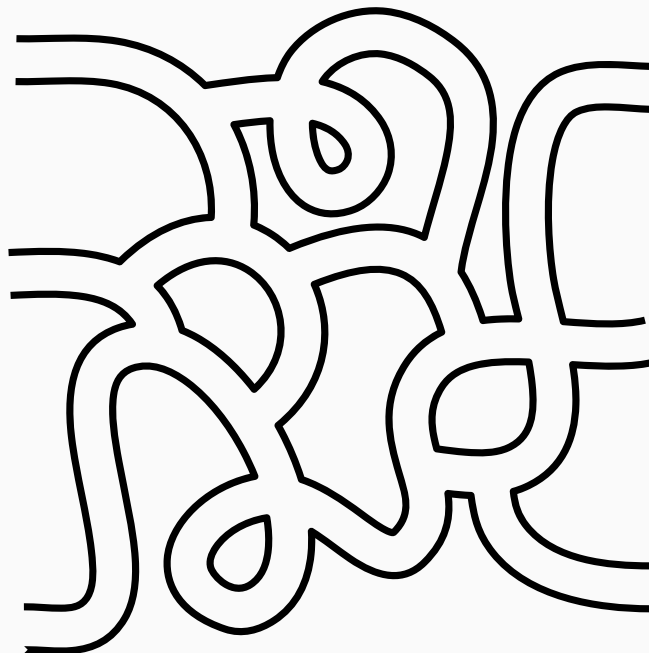
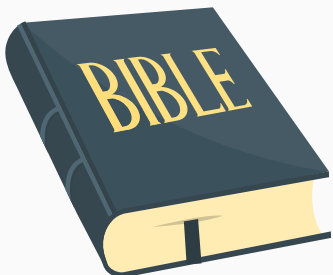
What does it feel like when my heart is soft toward God?



The Holy Spirit said through the prophet Isaiah that some people won't listen to God because their hearts are hard—but God wants us to have soft hearts that listen, turn to Him, and be healed!

## FIND THE SOFT HEART

God's Word is looking for a soft heart! Can you help it find the way? Trace the path to the right heart.



HARD  
HEART



SOFT  
HEART



BUSY  
HEART



God speaks to us because He loves us—but if we choose not to listen, we miss out on His help and healing. That's why it's so important to keep our hearts open to God!