

(Sermon Clip) God Allows Us to be Cut to Reveal the Heart

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Scripture: Luke 6:45, Proverbs 4:23, Psalm 51:10, James 1:2

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Transcript

So you have this group, what must we do to be saved? And this other group, we're gonna kill you. All has to do with the heart. I bet Stephen was going, darn it.

I wonder what happened with Peter. I wanted all these people to repent and follow God, not be the first martyr, not be stoned. Think about this, he preached the gospel, they took him somewhere where he was probably down low, and they threw large stones and boulders at him, hit his face, crushed his skull.

They were stoned for saying this. And I believe that God allows us to be cut to reveal the heart. God allows you to be cut to the heart to reveal the heart.

If you're here this morning being cut by a lot of these words, he's wanting to show you what is in the heart. You remember, you ever have little kids and when a package comes from FedEx, I mean, you have to open it right then, right? Like, daddy, it came in the mail. What's in it, what's in it? I don't know, I have to cut it open.

Same thing, when we're cut, it reveals the heart. My mom used to tell me when I was little, and I didn't like it because it was usually applied to me. But she would say, when a vessel is struck, what's inside spills

out.

So when you're cut, this humility and gentleness and meekness and understanding and grace and goodness flow out. Or when you're cut, this anger and cursing comes from this. And does this come out? You're like, where did that come from? I'll tell you where it came from.

It's what's within. That's why, see, now you're seeing why spending time with God is so important in the morning, your devotional time and your worship time. And if you're crying out to God, you spend time with him in the morning or in the evening, whatever, and you're just full of his spirit.

When you're cut or when something happens, grace will flow out, love will flow out because it's been what's coming inside. Now, nobody's ever gonna master this perfectly. But when things happen, what comes out? Here's the best way to do it and not beat ourselves up is when we're cut, when we're challenged, when we're all these things, what comes out? What comes out? Is it a consistently anger? Is it consistently cussing? Is it consistently backbiting? If it's consistent, then there's a well there that needs to be tried up and replaced with living water.

Because everybody slips now and then, right? I have not perfected yet when I hit my hand with a hammer to say, glory be to God. Or my kids do something. You little rascals.

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