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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Ezekiel 36:24-32

Like a small child that's been jumping in mud puddles or our dog, Daisy, who likes to run through the rancid pond in our backyard, someone else has to do the dirty work of cleaning up. God knows we can't clean ourselves from the messes we make and the sin in our lives. Instead of condemning us, He cleanses us and says, "I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh (v. 26)".

Do you know what determines what something will become in the heat or pressure of life? What it's made of! If you cook clay, it becomes hard; if you cook chocolate, it becomes melty goodness. Under pressure coal becomes diamonds and every hour Old Faithful blows its top. Of those options, the Israelites seemed most like the clay. What about your heart?

Is there any area of your life that's gotten a bit crusty? God desires to cleanse you and give you a heart of flesh. The results are even more beautiful and significant than those aforementioned diamonds: a love for God's word and desire to obey Him.

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