Circumstances vs. Heart Issues

a. Do circumstances control your situation?

b. Circumstances don't ultimately change a situation. Your heart does.

In Conclusion -

- Biblical counseling defines humanity with a biblical anthropology.
- The heart is the control center for life. When we care for people, we must seek to understand their hearts and help them to pursue a change of heart.
- Idolatry compromises our ability to live faithfully as believers.
- Do not put too much weight and importance in circumstances. Define your life according to your heart.

Next Week: Christian Identity (Week 2)
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Matters of the Heart

Biblical Anthropology

Developing a Biblical Anthropology - The heart is the target

Defining the Heart

- a. The heart is the central or most core part of who we are.
- b. The heart is our inner person.
- c. The heart is an all-encompassing term.

The Heart is Foundational

The physician Luke writes in his gospel:

"43No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 44Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briers. 45The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evils things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks" (6:43-45).

		d. Repent (Ezek. 14:6)
a.	You can learn a lot about a person by looking at the fruit of his life.	 Getting to Know Your Heart a. What are signs or indicators of what resides within our hearts?
b.	A person's life is an overflow of his heart and our role (Matt. 26:25-26).	b. Ask heart oriented questions.
The H	eart is an Idol Factory	
a.	Idols are internal (Ezek. 14:1-7)	Proverbs 20:5, "The purposes of a man's heart are deep waters but a man of understanding draws them out."
b.	Idols are anything that stands in the place of God.	
C.	Idols are blinding and debilitating (Ezek. 14:1-7, Psa. 135:18)	