

The Heart of Sin

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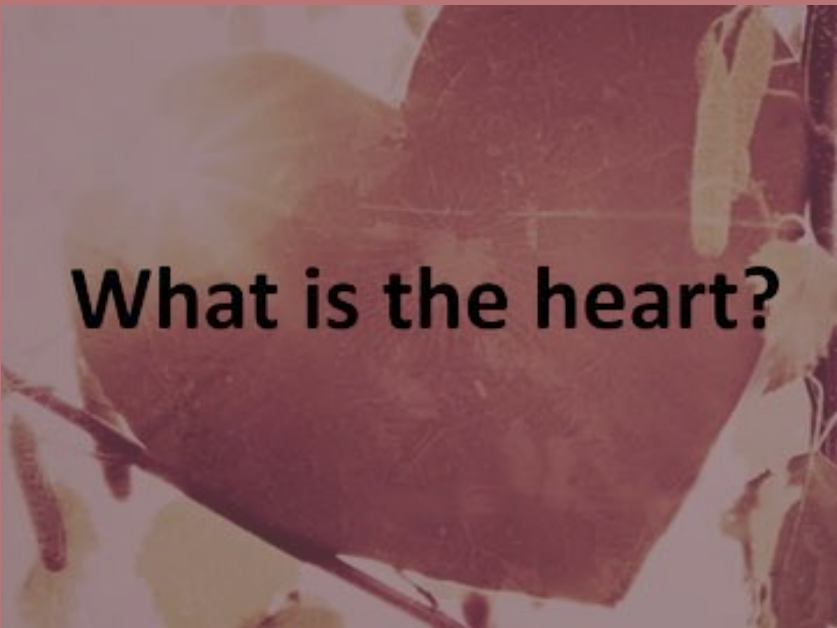
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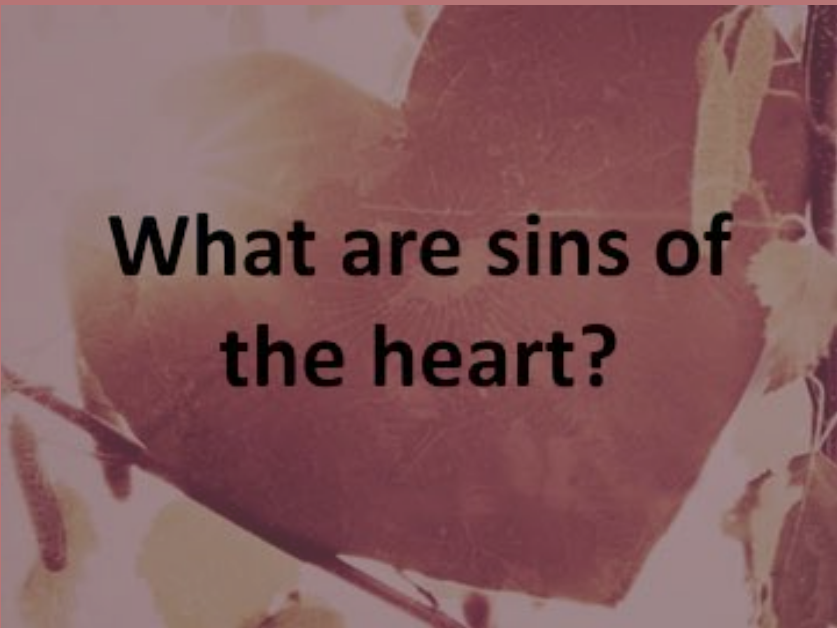
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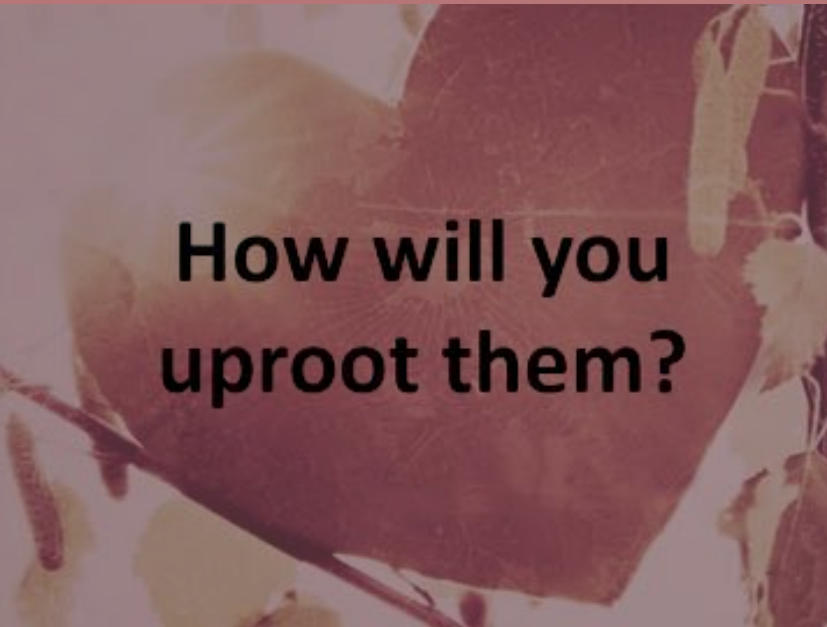
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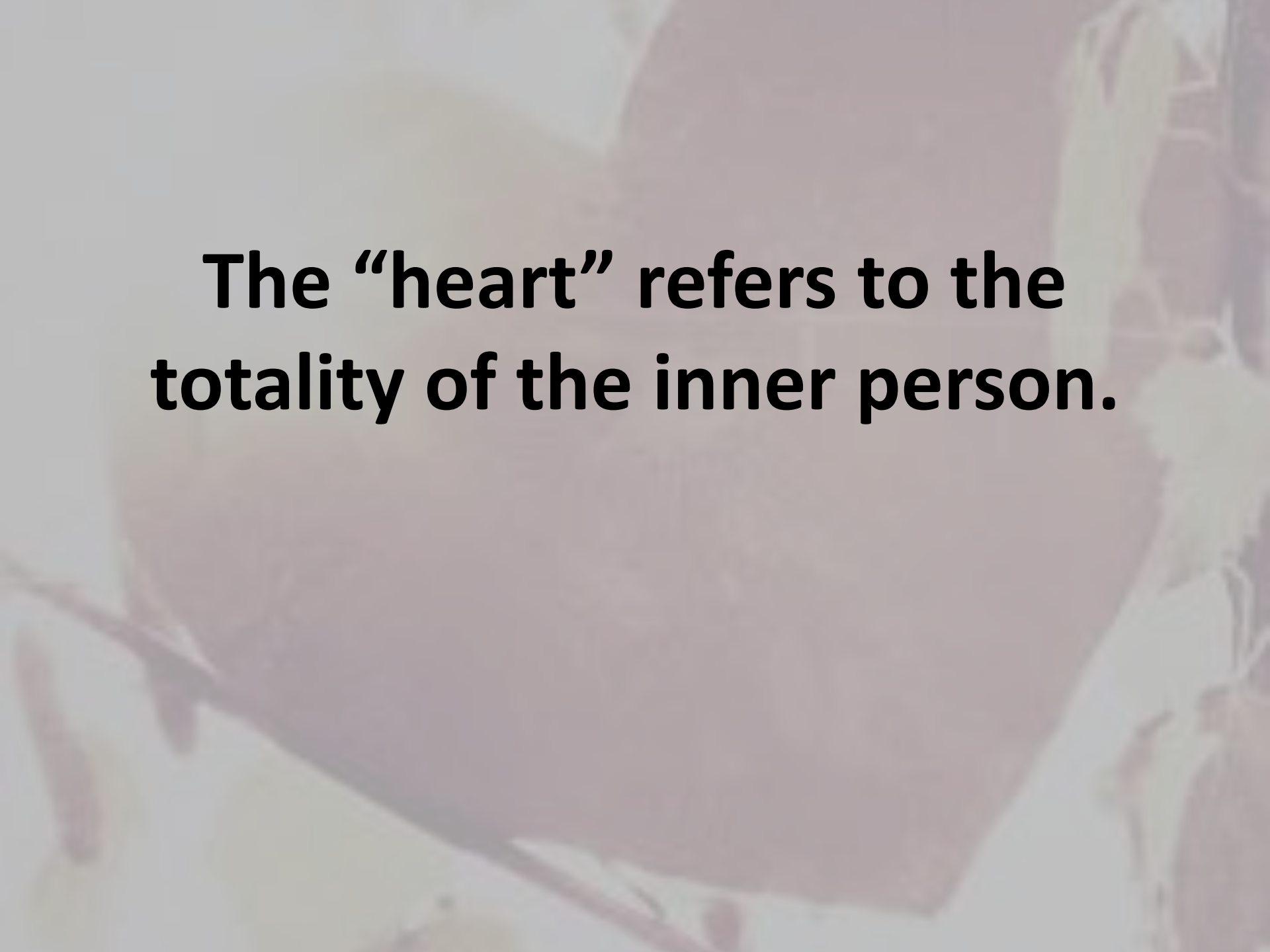
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The “heart” refers to the totality of the inner person.

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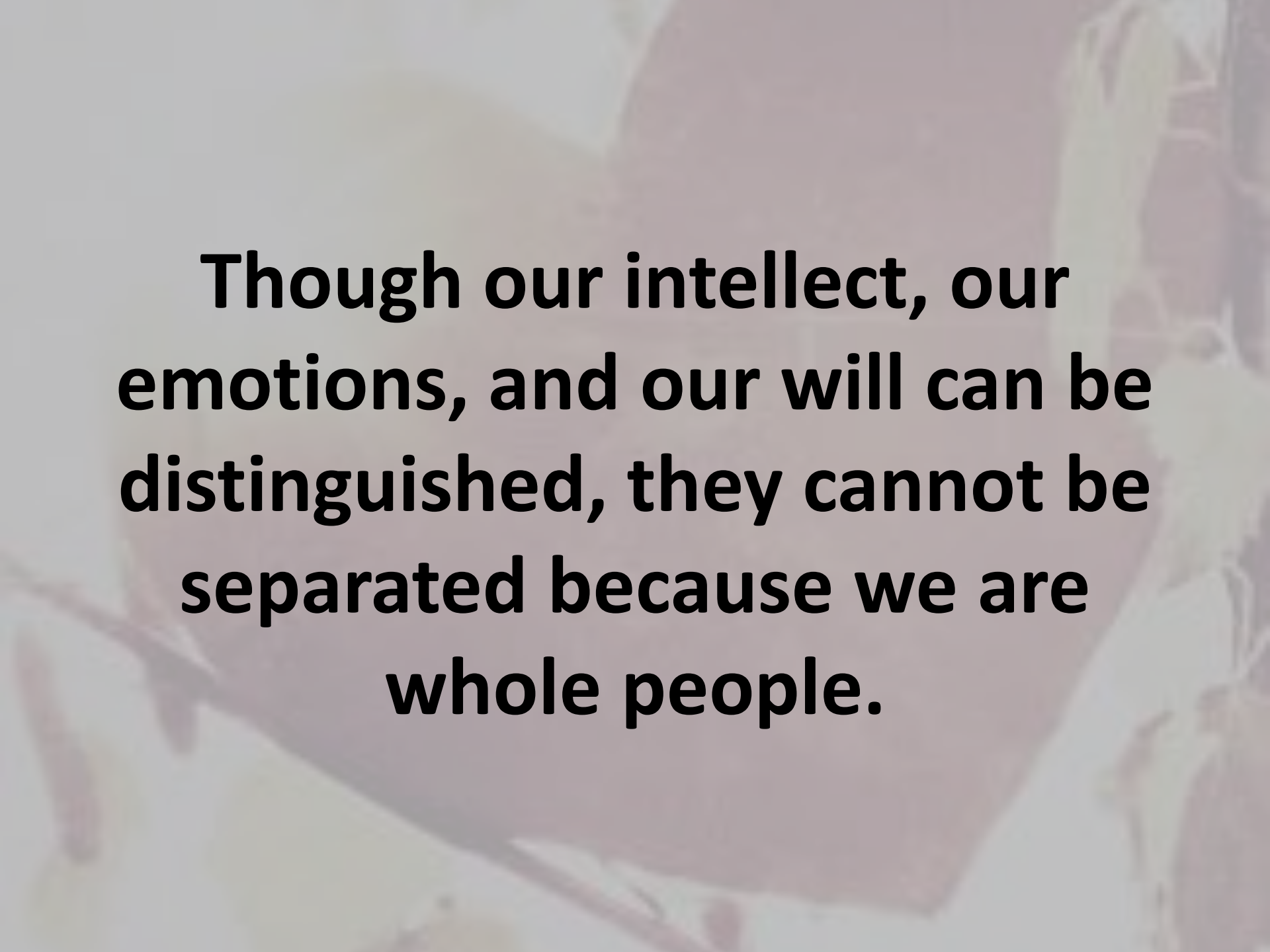
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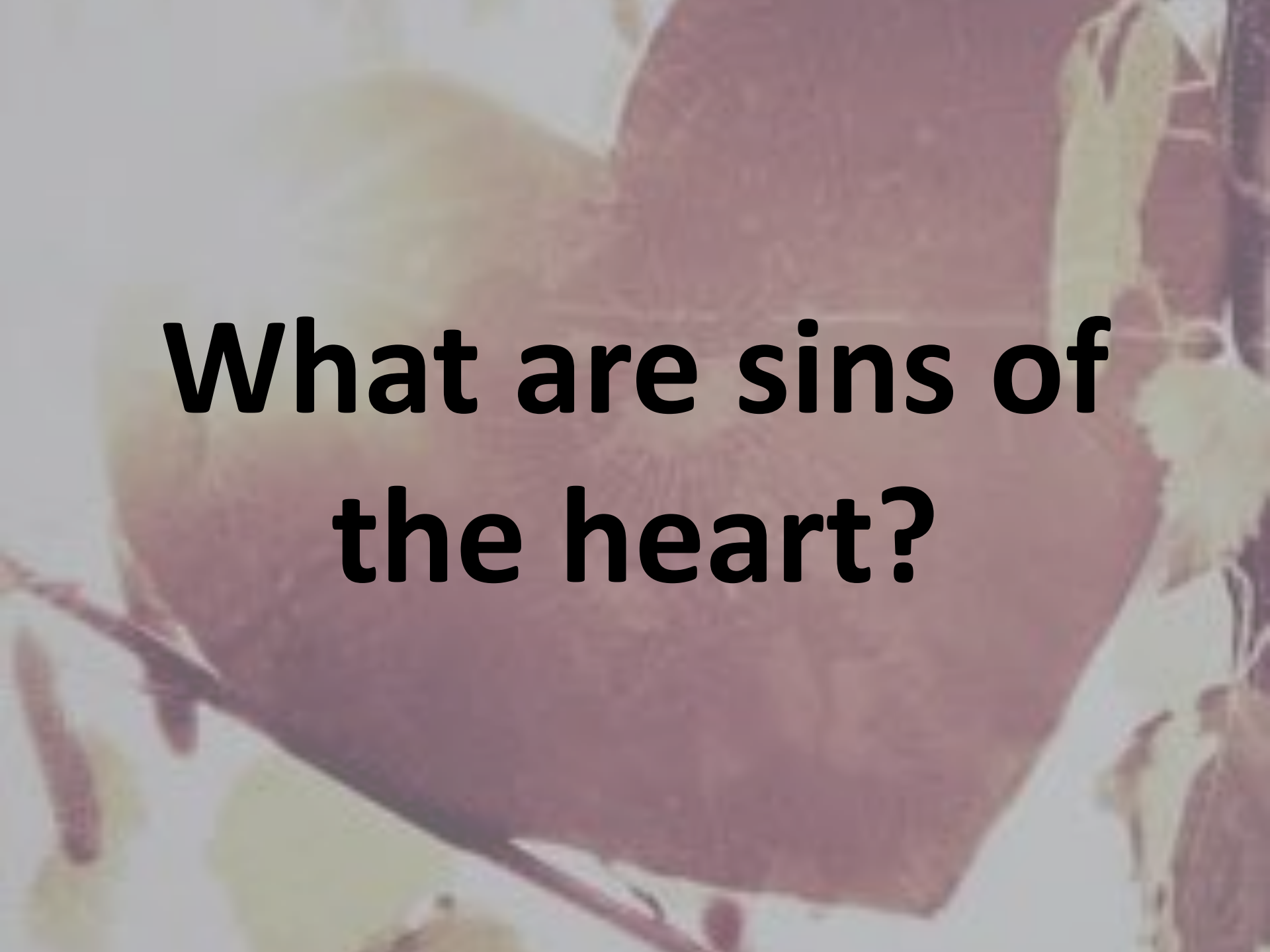
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Though our intellect, our emotions, and our will can be distinguished, they cannot be separated because we are whole people.

An anatomical illustration of a human heart, showing its major vessels and surrounding structures. The heart is rendered in a reddish-brown color, with lighter tones for the lungs and other tissues. The text is overlaid on the heart, centered horizontally and vertically.

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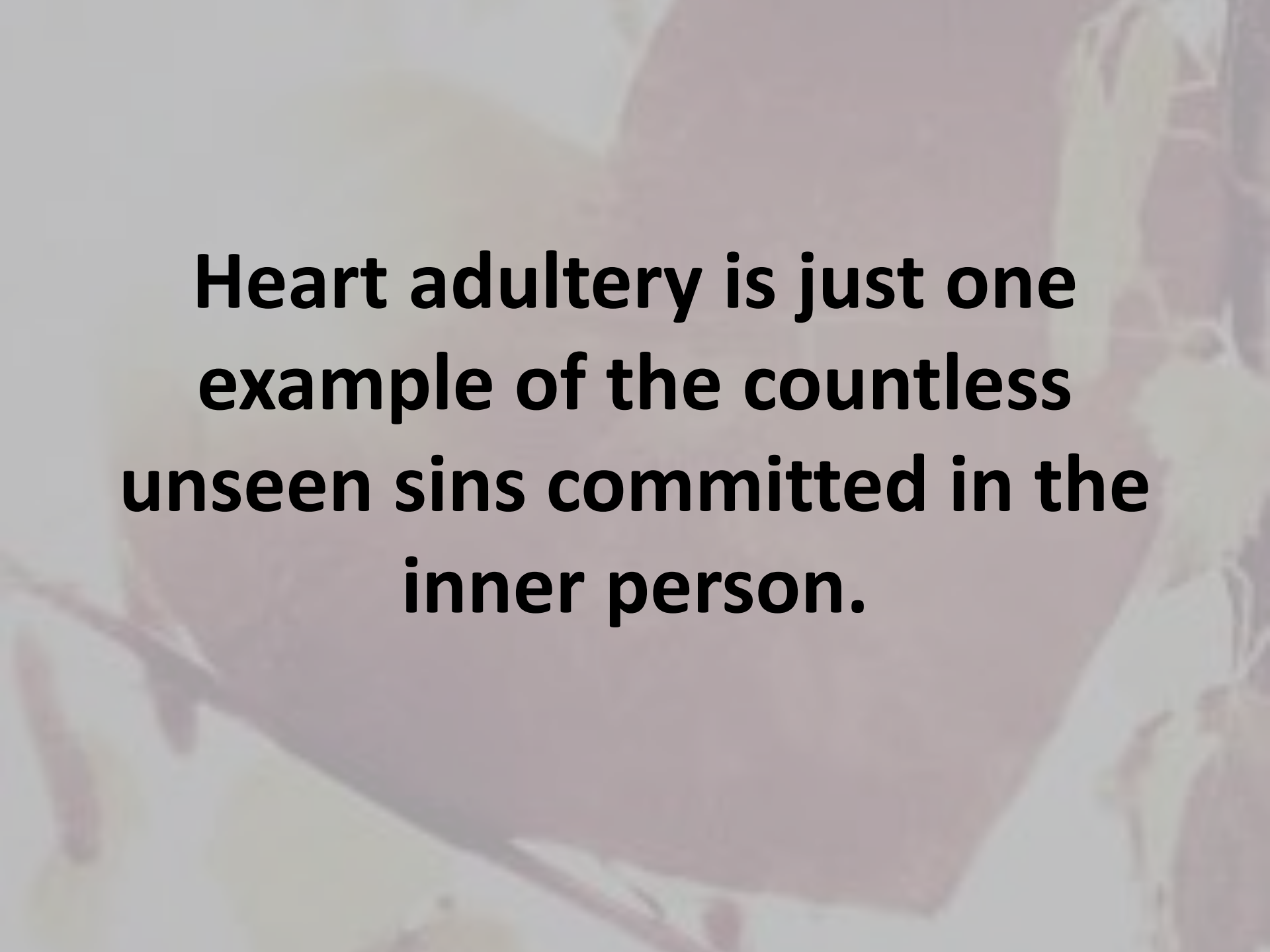
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**Heart adultery is just one
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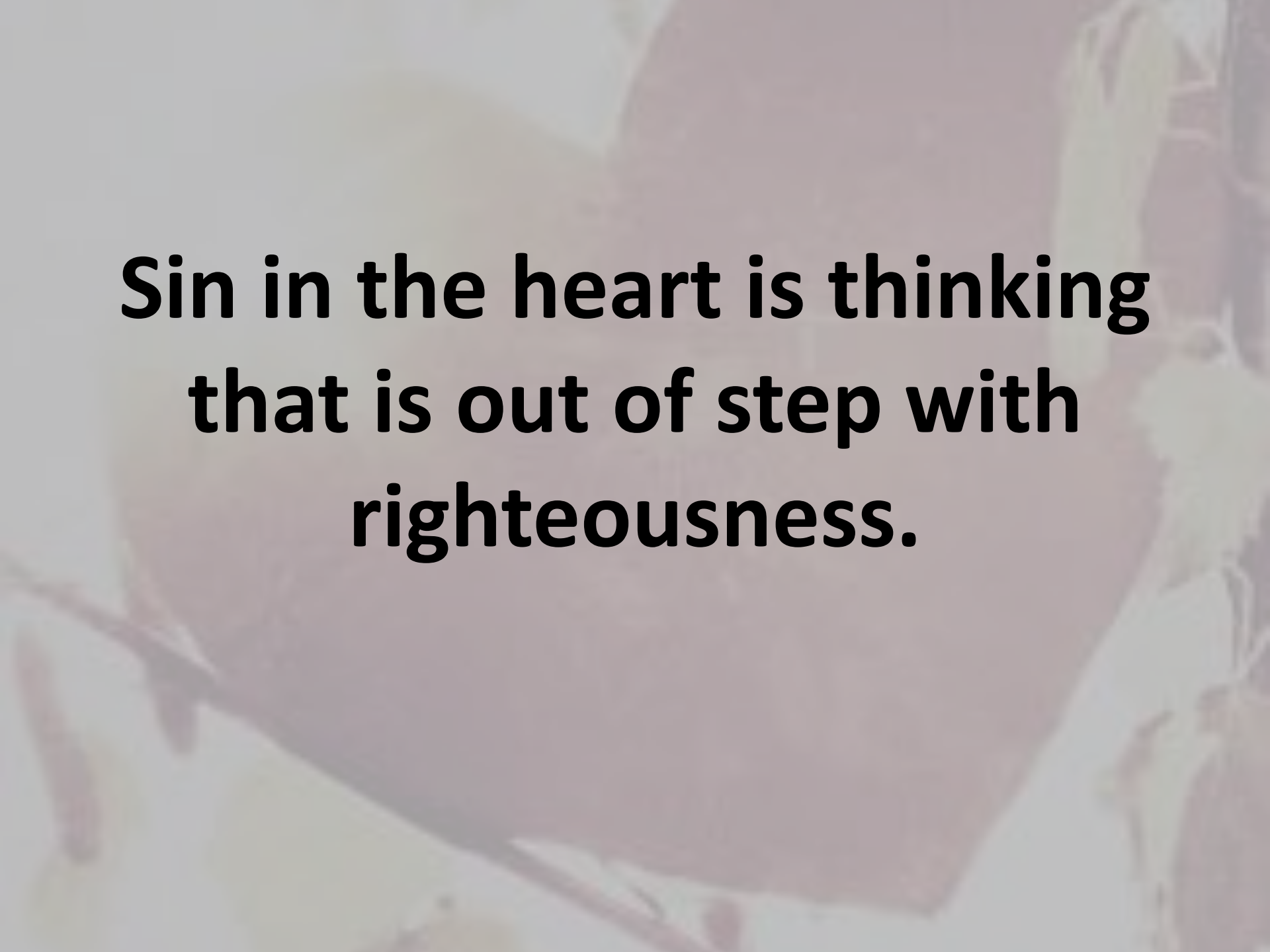
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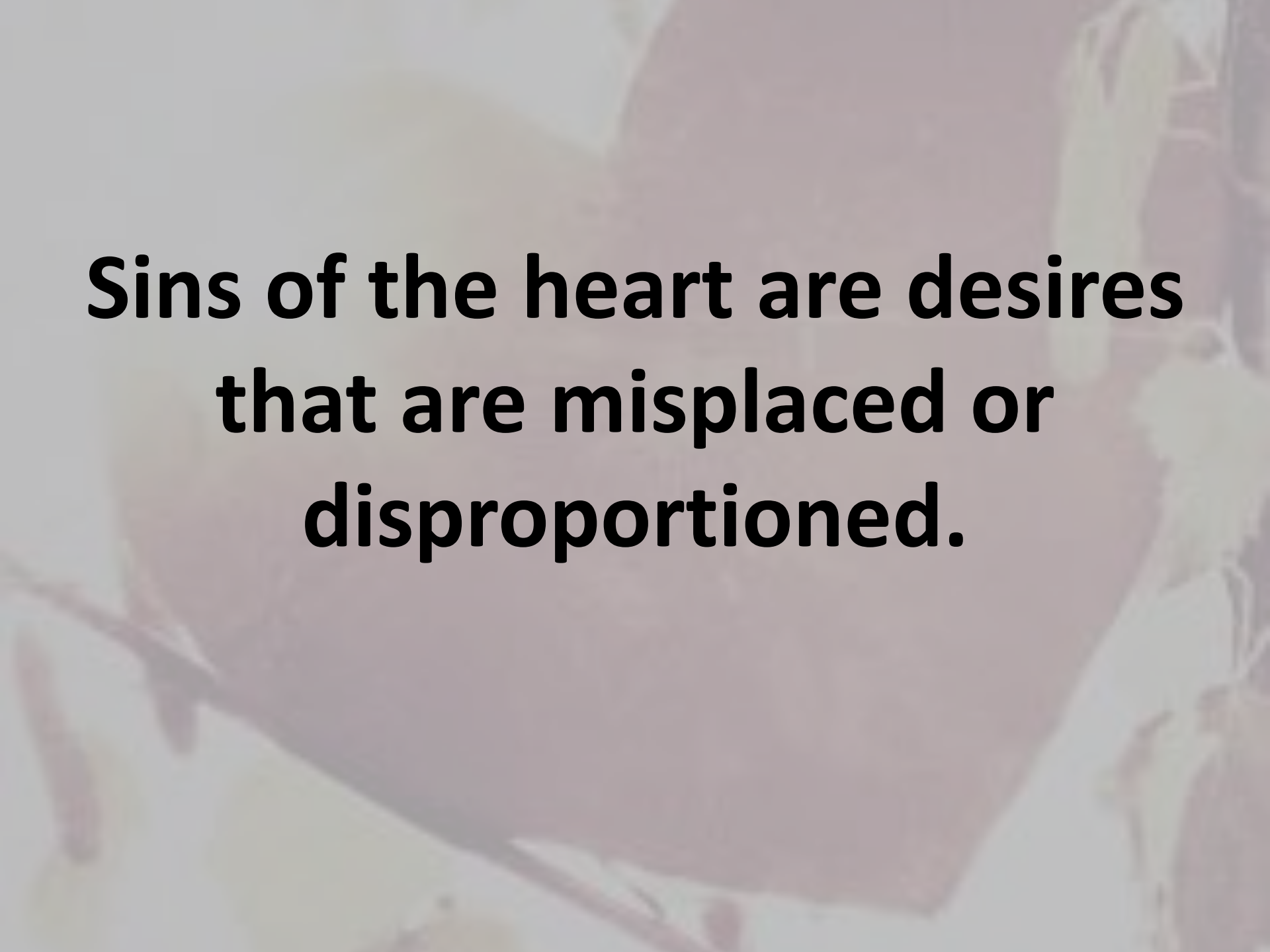
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A faint, artistic background image showing a hand holding a heart. The heart is a deep red color, and the hand is a lighter, skin-toned color. The overall image has a soft, ethereal quality with a light purple/pinkish tint.

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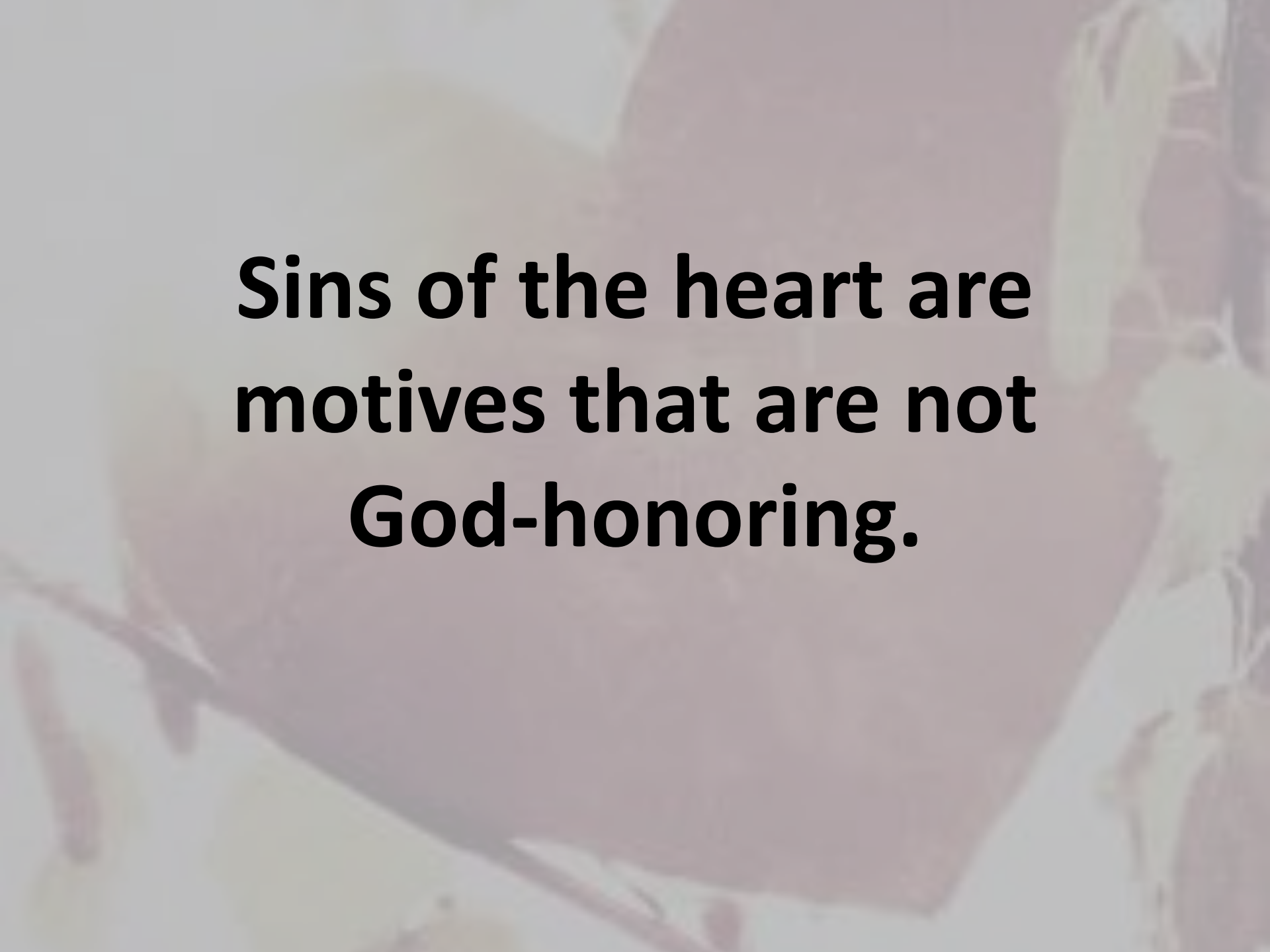
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**Sins of the heart are
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All sin is generated in the heart!

Isaiah 35:4 Say to those with **anxious** heart,
"Take courage, **fear** not."

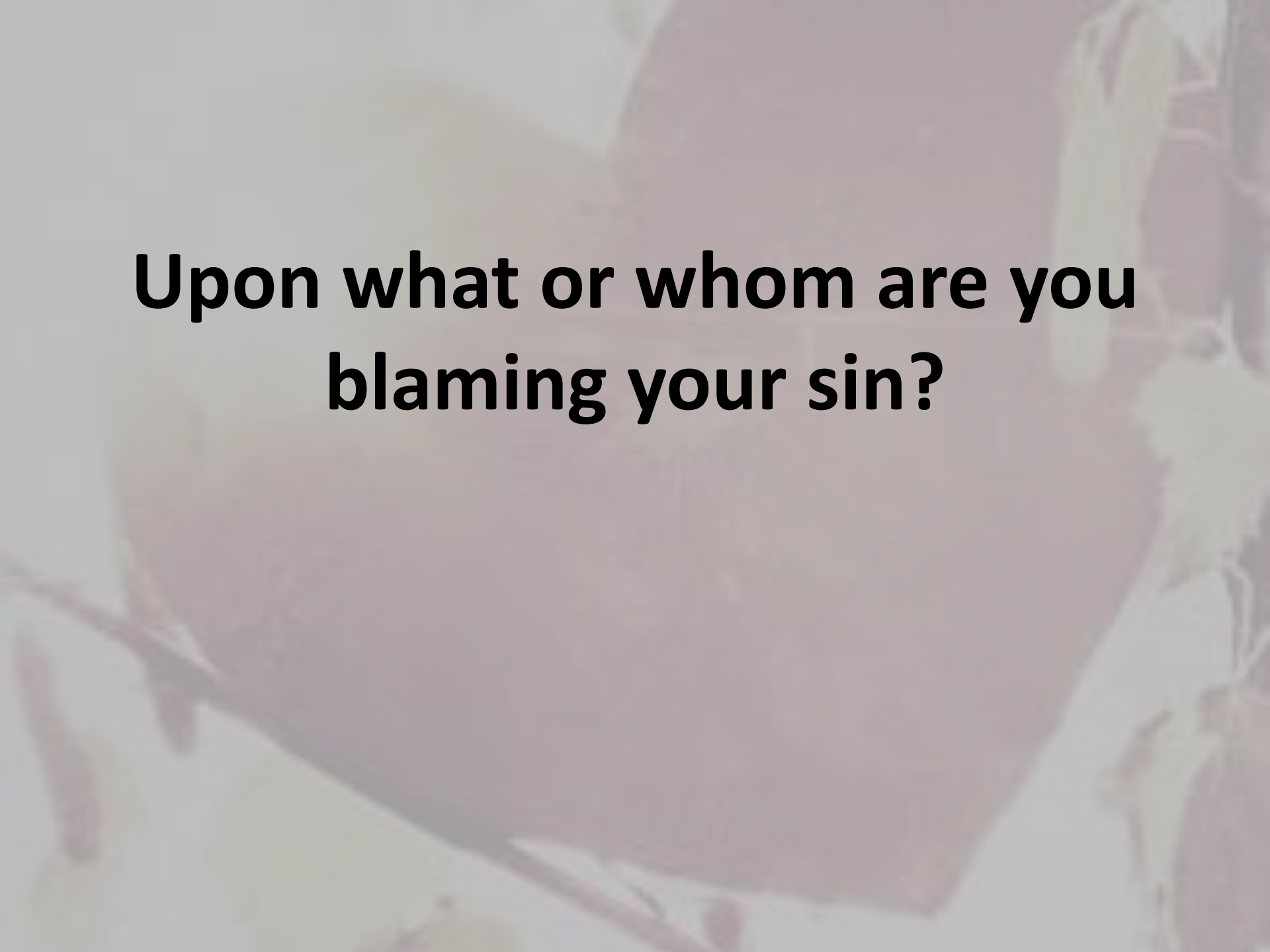
Job 36:13 But the godless in heart lay up **anger**...

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James 3:14 But if you have **bitter jealousy** and
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Hebrews 3:12 Take care, brethren, lest there should
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Luke 1:51 He has scattered those who were **proud** in
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**Upon what or whom are you
blaming your sin?**



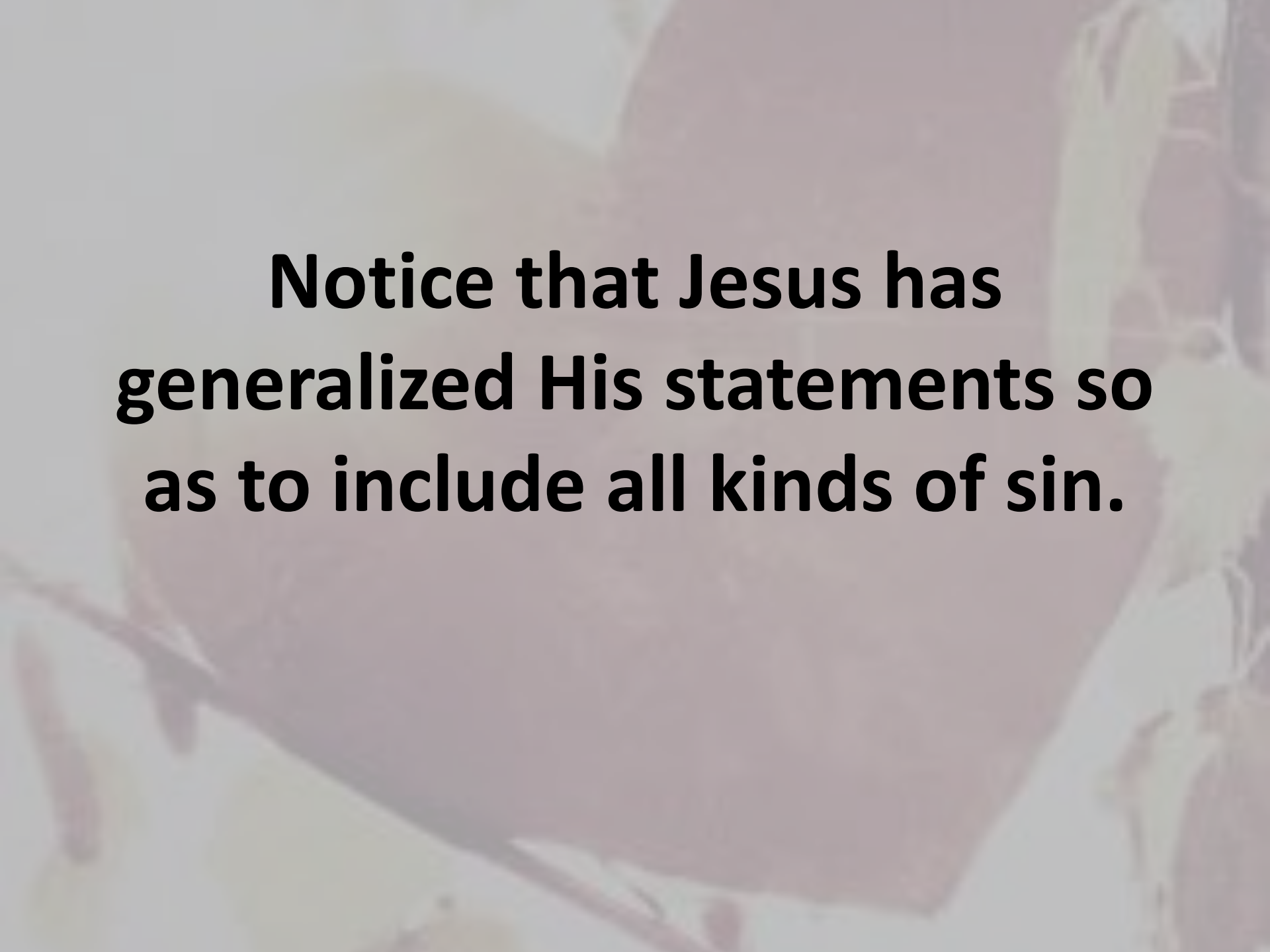
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**Notice that Jesus has
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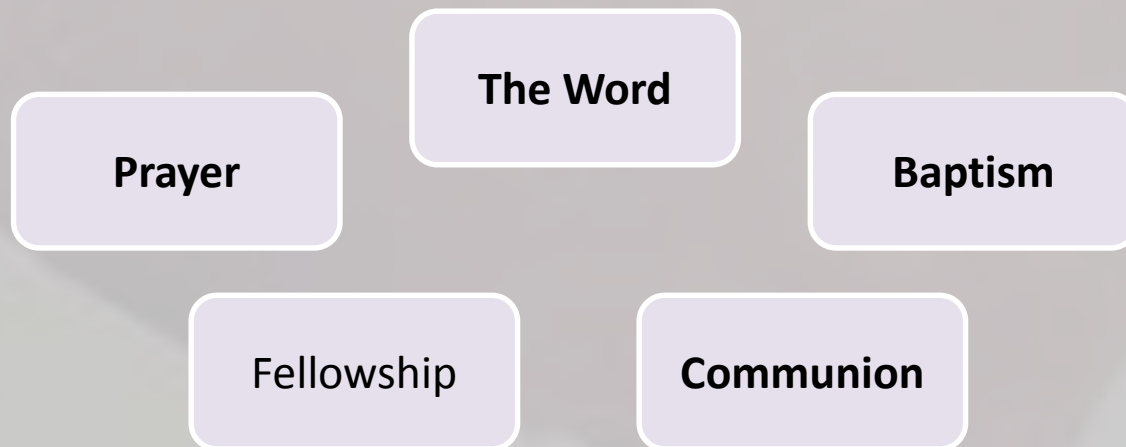
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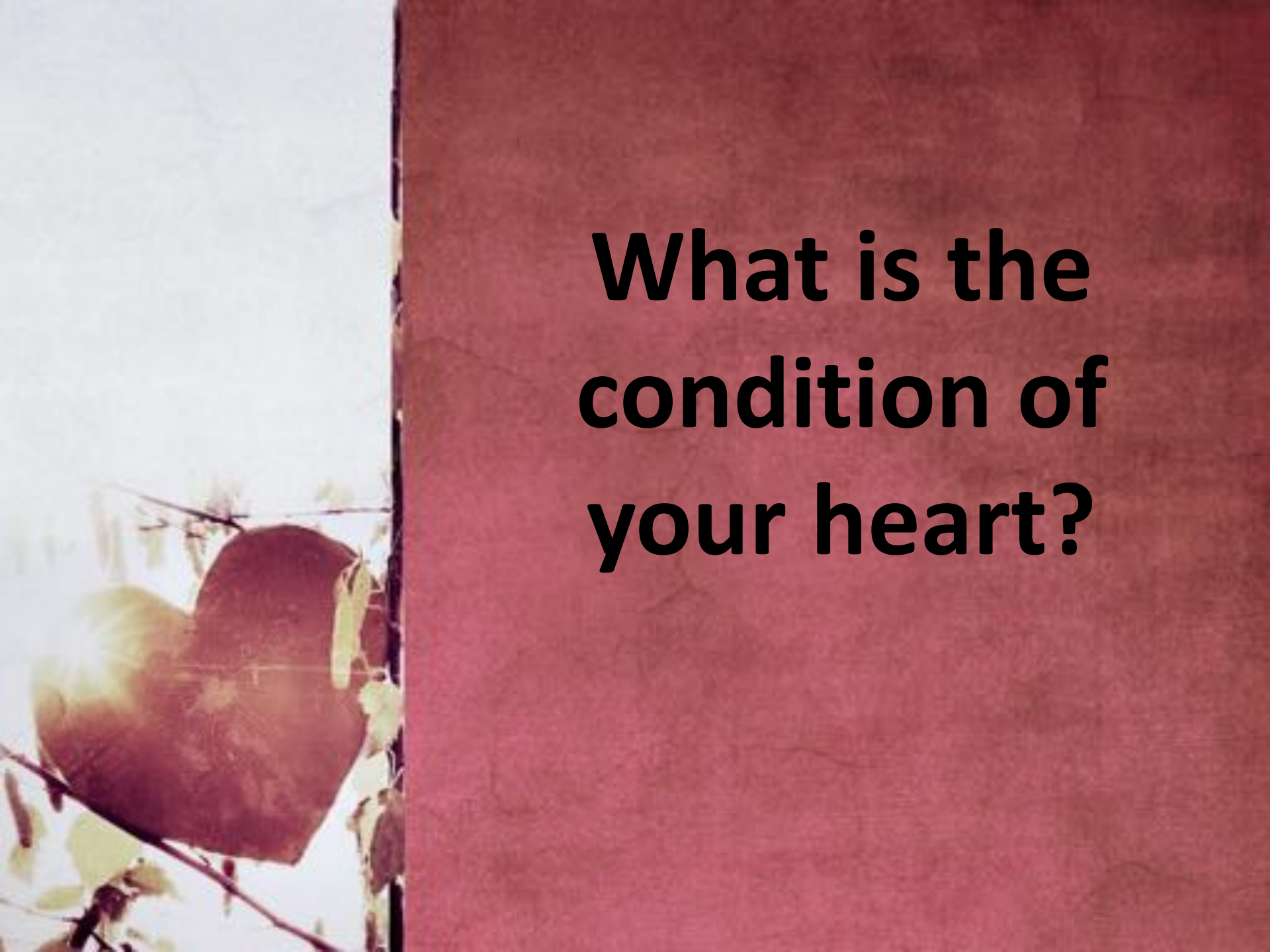
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Acts 2:42

And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Apart from the means of
grace God has given you,
you can have no reasonable
expectation for true change.**



**What is the
condition of
your heart?**