

SCANDALOUS LOVE

a study of Hosea



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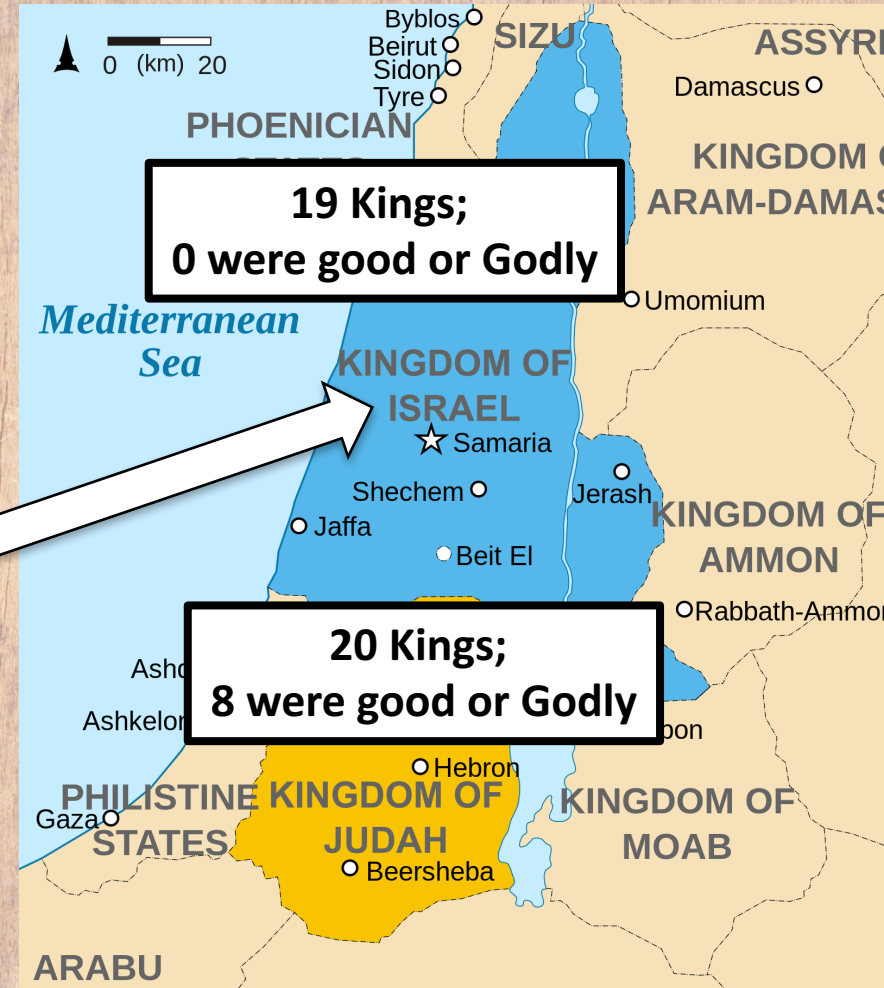
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Timeline from 2300 BC – 33 AD

- Creation
- Noah 2300 BC
- Abraham / Isaac / Jacob 2000 BC
- Joseph and the Egyptian captivity 1700 BC
- Moses and the Exodus 1500 BC
- 40 years in the wilderness 1450 BC
- Conquest of Canaan 1400 BC
- 12 Tribes and the Judges 1200 BC
- 12 Tribes and the Kings 1100 BC
- Civil War and the Prophets 930 BC

• Hosea

- Northern Kingdom (Israel disbanded) 722 BC
- Southern Kingdom (Judah exiled) 586 BC
- Under Greek and Roman rule 33 AD





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Not only is God love but He is also light...

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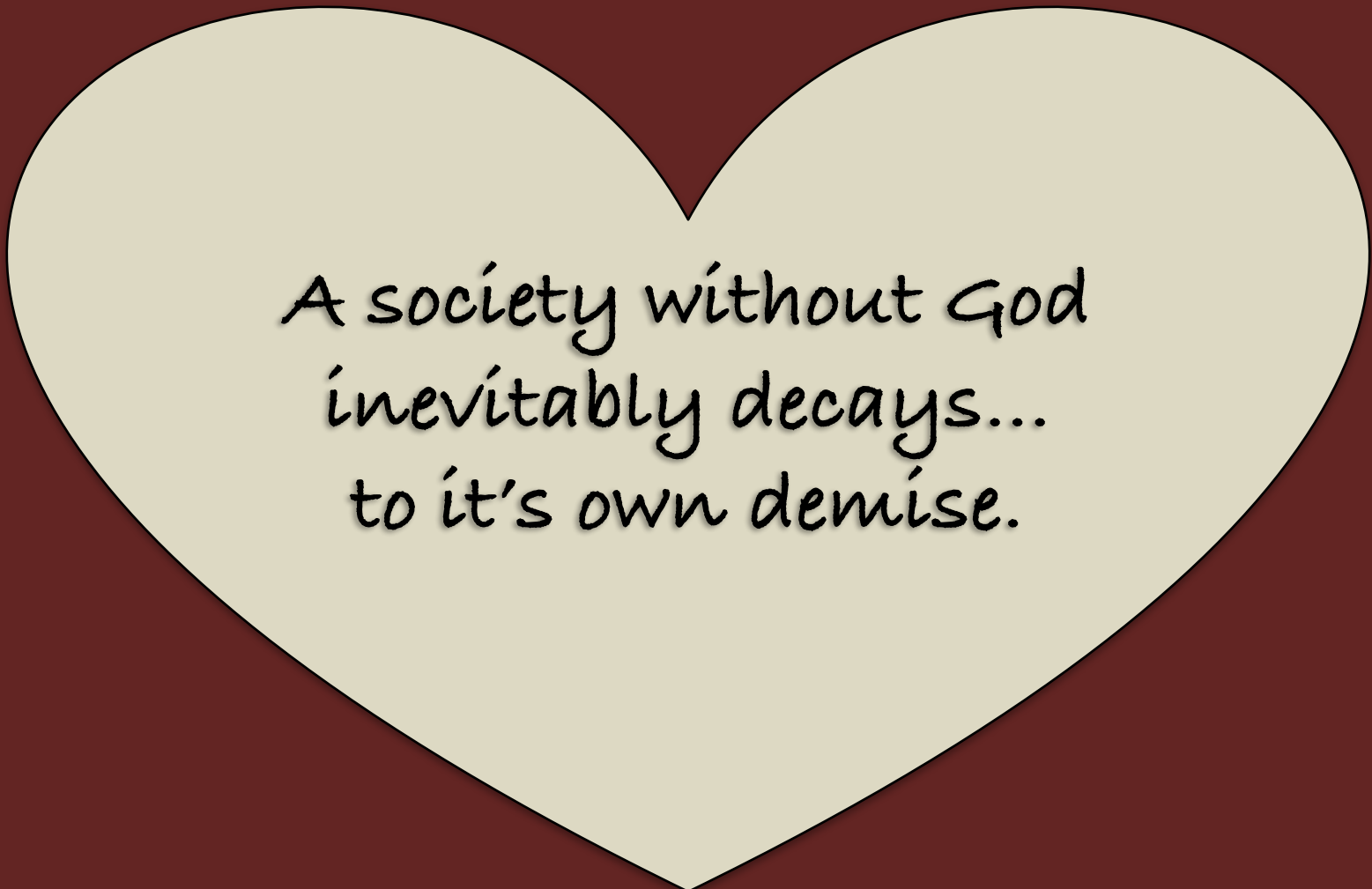
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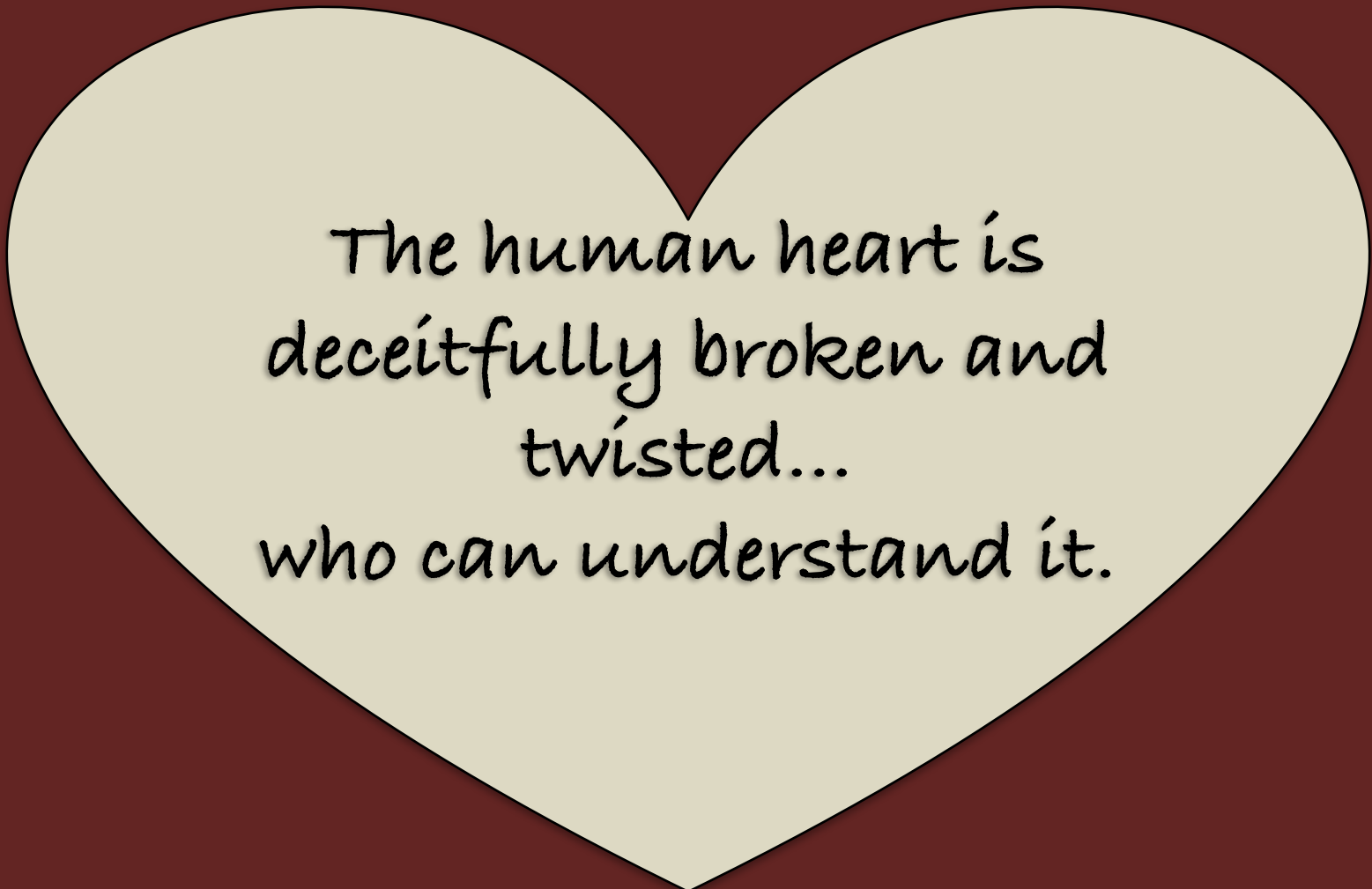
4-7 Israel's Indictment



A society without God
inevitably decays...
to it's own demise.



Even in the midst of
our decay and demise
God is aimed at our
restoration and
transformation.



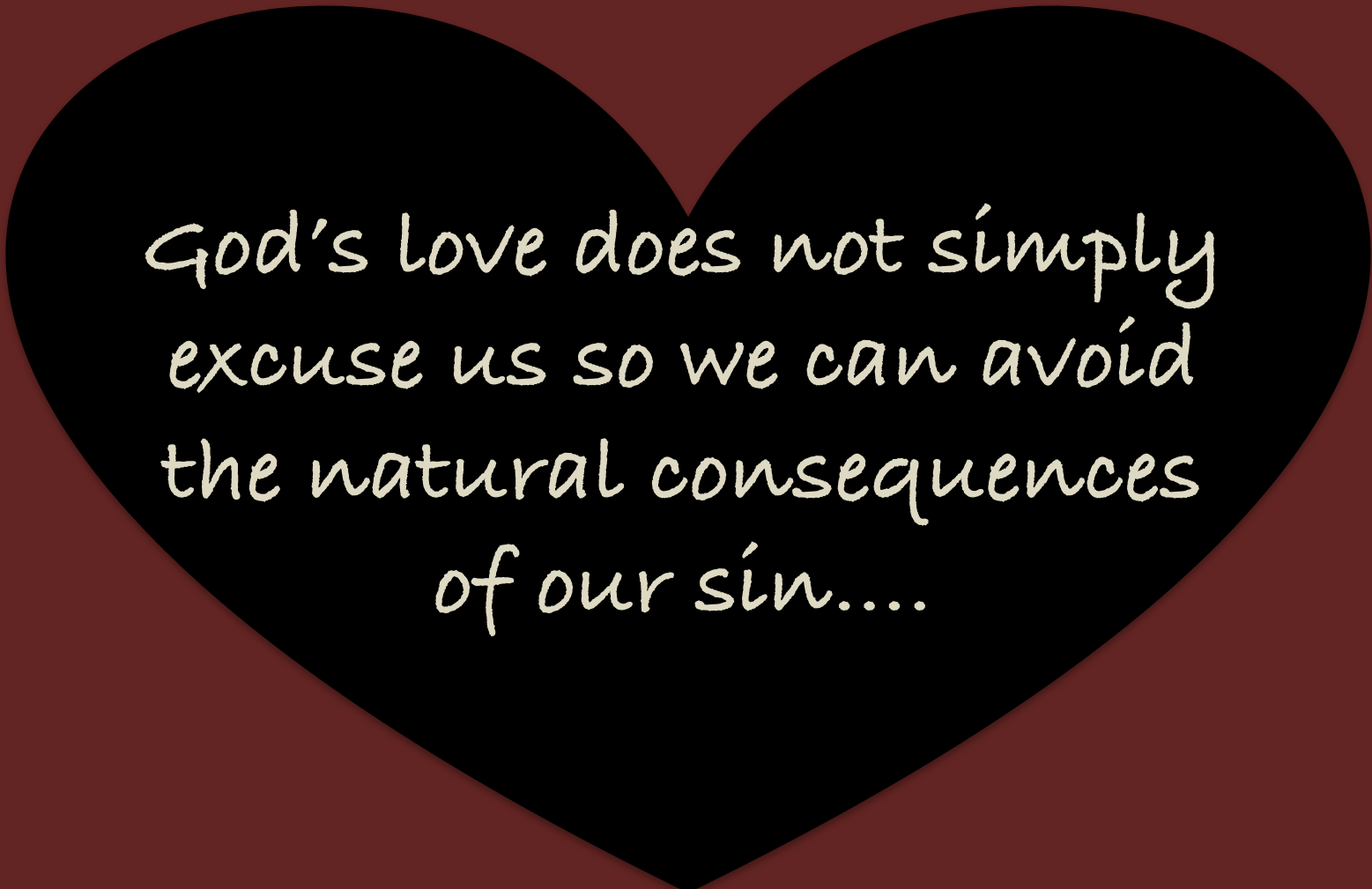
The human heart is
deceitfully broken and
twisted...
who can understand it.




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...we have "true moral guilt".



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11-14 Israel's Restoration



Restoration is based
on the character of God
not on ours.



Restoration is based
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...revealed in the past,
in the present,
and in the future.



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11:1-9

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My heart recoils within me;
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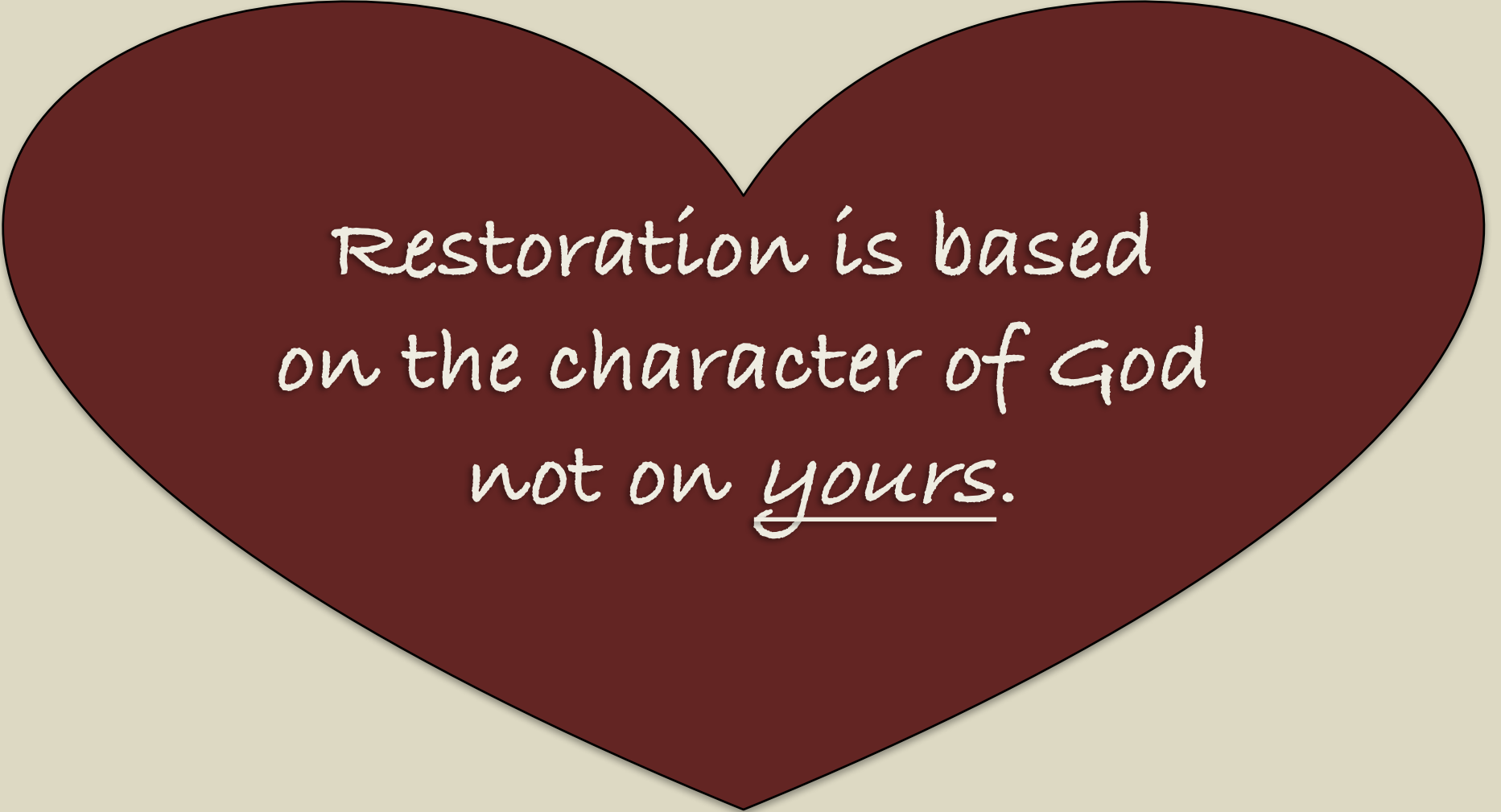
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A dark red heart shape with a thin black outline, centered on a light beige background. Inside the heart, the text "Restoration is based on the character of God not on yours." is written in a white, cursive font. The word "yours" is underlined.

Restoration is based
on the character of God
not on yours.

So...therefore...what now?



Restoration is based
on the character of God

...revealed in your past,
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and in your future.



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Even though Israel did not
respond to God's compassionate
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how will you respond...

how will we respond....

how will I respond?

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