

**THEME: My heart- Christ's home**

**TITLE: Is your heart a home for Jesus? The Dining Room**

**SONG: CHANGE MY HEART 2:11**

**HES ALL I NEED 3:40**

**INTRO: Welcome to Grace Notes. In this series entitled 'My heart, Christ's home', Barbara Sandbek is sharing the writing of Robert Boyd Munger. His book, written in 1936, entitled, 'My heart Christ's home' has touched the hearts of many people over the years as it so vividly portrays the relationship we can have with Jesus when we let Him come into our hearts and abide, or make His home with us. This concept was introduced in our last program where we visited the Study in the home. Here we found the material we watch and read may need to be looked at as if Jesus were seeing it. Hopefully, we all learned a lesson about how viewing any inappropriate media can hamper our fellowship with Jesus. On this program, we are moving into the Dining Room. Stay with us and see how Mr. Munger approaches our appetites and desires in the light of the holiness of our Lord, Jesus.**

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**Did you need to clean out your Study room after listening to the last program? The Bible says in 1 Corinthians 2:16b that as a Believer in Jesus, we have the mind of Christ and in order to keep our minds pure we need to see and think right things. Philippians 4:8 says...whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.**

**Let's move on to the next room and see how we can properly abide with Jesus in there.**

**Mr. Boyd writes...**

**From the study we went into the dining room, the room of appetites and desires. Now this was a large room, a most important place to me. I spent a lot of time and hard work trying to satisfy all my wants.**

**I told him, "This is my favorite room. I'm sure you will be pleased with what we serve here."**

**He seated himself at the table and inquired, "What is on the menu for dinner tonight?"**

**"Well, I said, "my favorite dishes, money, academic degrees, stocks, with newspaper articles of fame and fortune as side dishes." These were the things I liked, thoroughly secular fare. There was nothing so very bad in any of them, but it was not really the kind of food which would feed the soul and satisfy true spiritual hunger.**

**When the plates were placed before my new friend, He said nothing. However, I observed that He did not eat. I asked, somewhat disturbed, "Savior, don't you like this food? What is the trouble?"**

**He answered, "I have food to eat you do not know of. My food is to do the will of Him that sent me." He looked at me again and said, "If you want food that really satisfies you, do the will of your heavenly Father. Put His pleasure before your own. Stop striving for your own desires, your own ambitions, your own satisfactions. Seek to please Him. That food will really satisfy you. Try a bit of it!"**

**And there about the table He gave me a taste of doing God's will. What flavor! There is no food like it in all the world. It alone satisfies. At the end, everything else leaves you hungry.**

**What's the menu in the Dining room of our desires? What kind of food are we serving Our Divine Companion and serving ourselves? "All that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life" (1 John 2:16), are self-centered wants? Or are we finding God's will to be our sole satisfying meat and drink? Maybe we need a change of heart.**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: Ed Kerr**

**\*\*\* CHANGE MY HEART \*\*\* LENGTH: 2:11**

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*Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You*

*You are the potter  
I am the clay  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray*

*Change my heart oh God  
Make it ever true  
Change my heart oh God  
May I be like You*

**I've been an ambitious person my entire life - aspiring in my younger years to prove I had worth. God's will was certainly something I knew I should desire but I didn't understand how to find it or whether it would even fulfill what I thought I wanted and needed. So, I pursued a lucrative career, fame, family, possessions and money, thinking they would satisfy me. But, the more I received, the more I wanted. This poem I wrote exemplifies the process God took me through to find that He alone satisfies. I call it FULFILMENT.**

### **FULFILLMENT**

**Longing to fulfill my dreams...  
Seeking to achieve my schemes...  
I'm longing...and I'm seeking.**

**Days are filled with busyness...  
Working to achieve success...  
I'm busy...and I'm working.**

**But I'm not feeling peace inside  
There's an emptiness I try to hide.  
Achievements, fame are soon consumed  
And nothing is left in my lonely room.  
I'm searching...and I'm yearning  
I'm longing...and I'm seeking.**

**Oh God, You said You have a plan.  
I've tried all things that are known to man.  
Please take control, take all of me  
And help me, Lord, to watch and see  
Your working while I'm resting,  
Your loving hand of blessing.**

**And here's why they don't satisfy.**

**1 Timothy 6:10...the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many griefs.**

**I like what Ecclesiastes 5:10 says..**

**Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.**

**and Matthew 6:20-21...**

**...store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

**Remember the story of the rich man in Matthew 19:15-22? He asked Jesus what good thing he had to DO to get eternal life. Jesus told him to keep the commandments. The rich man said he had. Then Jesus said that if he wanted to be perfect, he had to sell all his possessions and give to the poor - then come and follow Him. It says the young man went away sad because he had great wealth.**

**The rich man asked what he should DO to inherit eternal life not how to become a child of God. In His questioning, Jesus revealed the fact that he had indeed violated the command to have no other gods before God.**

**Jesus knew his wealth was his god so when he told him to give all his possessions up the real truth was shown.**

**Keeping the commandments will not give us eternal life. Only trusting in and following Jesus will.**

**His wealth would never satisfy him. And it is obvious from watching the lives of famous actors that fame and fortune do not satisfy these days either.**

**But, we are constantly tempted to believe these things do. It's been that way since the beginning of time with Adam and Eve in their perfect environment. Eve's temptation began with what she SAW. The forbidden fruit was pleasing to the eye. So much of what we give in to starts with what we see. Satan's temptation involved the**

**lust of the eyes (surely it tastes good),**

**lust of the flesh (you will know more)**

**and the pride of life (you will be like God - after all, why should He keep this from you?).**

**Satan tempted Jesus with these same things and uses them on us today.**

**If we read God's Word we will find that following Jesus satisfies.**

**Psalm 103:2-5 reads...**

**Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all His benefits –  
Who forgives ALL your sins and heals your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with  
love and compassion,  
Who SATISFIES your desires with GOOD things  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**Psalm 107:9 reiterates...He SATISFIES the THIRSTY and  
fills the HUNGRY with GOOD things**

**because He is**

**The Living water**

**The Bread of Life**

**He is everything we need.**

**\*\*\*\*\* WRITER: Sammy Easom/Chestnut Mound Music**

**\*\*\* HE'S ALL I NEED \*\*\***

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### **VERSE 1**

**He's all I need when I just need someone to talk to  
He's always there to hear my prayer – each time I call Him  
All my needs He supplies – my thirsty soul He satisfies  
He's my everything – and He's all I need**

### **CHORUS 1**

**He comforts me when I'm weary  
He eases every pain  
He fills my deepest longing  
Time and time again  
He's my soul's inspiration  
My heart's consolation  
He's my everything – and He's all I need**

### **VERSE 2**

**He's all I need – I need not turn to any other  
For He's a friend – a friend who's closer than a brother  
And on this friend I can rely  
To be my strength as life goes by**

**He's the Lord of all – and He's all I need.**

**CHORUS 2**

**He comforts me when I'm weary - He eases every pain  
He fills my deepest longing - time and time again  
He's my soul's inspiration - my heart's consolation  
He's my everything – and He's all I need.**

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**He's all I need – He's all I need  
He's my everything and He's all I need (He's all I need)**

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