



# NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

## Is Your Bible Just a Book?

*One day I discovered that my Bible was missing. I looked in the house, in the car, and at church but I could not find it. A few weeks went by and I finally got another Bible. But it was not the same. I knew where to find things in my old one. My notes from various sermons and college classes were in it. I used it for more than 20 years to study, share, and walk with the Lord. It was like my best friend had died.*

*Years went by and we changed churches. One day, I wondered what the notes in my old Bible had to say about what the pastor was preaching on. But I said to myself, "Stop wishing for it back. It is gone. It is just a book."*

*Two days later, my wife came home from work holding a black book. It was my old Bible. I rejoiced greatly. She explained that someone had found it, gave it to a friend of ours, who then brought it to her at work.*

*As I carefully read the pages, tears came to my eyes. My Bible, my friend, my spiritual fuel is back. It was as if God was saying, "I am personally interested in you and I will keep every promise in this Book." (I have now read this Bible for over 40 years.)*

*"And I will delight myself in thy commandments,  
which I have loved." Ps. 199:47*

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