

“This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”
Hebrews 10:16 NLT

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Functionally, we pretend this isn't true and wish the author had not recorded it. I write that because we intuitively know this is true, but we can't get any of our brains or systems to accept it as true. As humans, we clearly want stuff written down, so we can read it, argue about it and use it as a means to force others to interpret it the way we see it. New means new, not recycled, not refurbished, not rebuilt - it's a new contract. I will put my laws in their hearts and I will write them on their minds. God has always wanted his rules to reside there. It just took centuries for humans to begin to grapple with the fact that God's "written" rules were a way to move us towards internalizing his intent. Written rules, like programming code has to be robotically interpreted to make practical sense. Then it becomes open to people changing it by trying to figure out the intention of the programmer. When this code of ethics, conduct, right and wrong is imbedded in a human heart and mind, it is forever running and whispering the authors intent. John, author and apostle writes, "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future." John 16:13 NLT. The Spirit will guide. Makes sense that "we will follow."

Dad,
I have not forgotten my ask. I still want you to be my Dad by leading me to or opening a door for a job, a ministry or something that keeps me busy and allows me to make money. Really, I like to get back to giving it away.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root