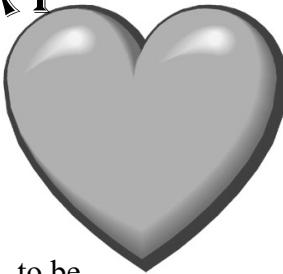


THE FIXED HEART

Psalm 57:1-7; Psalm 112:5-7



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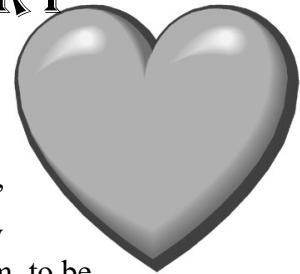
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