

David - A Man After God's Own Heart
Part 1 - The Heart of a King
1 Samuel 16:1-13

14 ...the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. 1 Samuel 13:14

God is seeking people whose hearts mirror His heart.

A heart that mirrors the Lord's is...

- **A heart that seeks His will....** Romans 12:1-2
- **A heart that follows His commands...** John 14:15
- **A heart that embody's His character...** Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5:22-23

Two prominent people in David's life - Samuel and Saul.

Who is Samuel?

20 And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord. 1 Samuel 3:20

10 While Samuel was sacrificing the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to engage Israel in battle. But that day the Lord thundered with loud thunder against the Philistines and threw them into such a panic that they were routed before the Israelites. 1 Samuel 7:9-13

Israel chose an earthly king to replace their true king - God.

We create trouble for ourselves when we choose culture over Christ.

2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:2

19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. **20** Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles." 1 Samuel 8:19-20

Who is King Saul?

Disobedience leads to downfall.

God sets boundaries in our lives for our own good.

David Anointed King - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

What can we learn from Saul's failure and David's anointing?

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

1) God always has a plan, even when I seem to mess it up!

13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:13

2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

2) When God calls me to act, He expects me to act, even when I am afraid.

Faith is not the absence of fear; it is acting in spite of fear - trusting completely in the Lord!

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

4 Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."

3) The Lord is not concerned with my appearance; He is concerned with my heart!

7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you:

8 "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me." Matthew 15:7-8

8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David.

4) The Lord can use the least to accomplish the most!