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## The Story: Running After God's Heart (King David)

1 Sam 13:14, "the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart"

### DAVID SHOWS US 4 WAYS TO RUN AFTER GOD'S HEART:

#### #1 Prioritize inner transformation:

1 Samuel 16:7, 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."

- God is less concerned how we look on the outside than we are, and God is more concerned how we look on the inside than we are.
- How do I know if my heart is right? Keep talking ☺
- Luke 6:45, "...mouth speaks what the heart is full of"
- The Maker of hearts knows how to remake hearts (ask Him to help change yours!)

#### #2 See daily tasks as crucial training:

1 Samuel 17:34-36, 34 David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion & the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them..."

- God uses daily tasks as opportunities for growth.
- Luke 16:10, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much..."
- How can we see daily tasks as a part of God's plan?
  1. Identify: a daily task that is difficult for you
  2. Ask: how does God want to shape me in this?
  3. Pray: "Lord, help me as I serve you faithfully!"

- Colossians 3:23-24, Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

#### #3 Love those that are hardest to love:

1 Samuel 26:8-11, 8 Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear..."

9 But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the Lord's anointed and be guiltless? 10 As surely as the Lord lives," he said, "the Lord himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. 11 But Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord's anointed. Now get the spear & water jug that are near his head, and let's go."

- Loving our enemies proves we're children of God.
- Matthew 5:43-45, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous."

#### #4 Spend quality time with God:

2 Samuel 6-9: Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled. 7 The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, & he died...

9 David was afraid of the Lord... & said, "How can the ark of the Lord ever come to me?" ...12...The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-Edom and everything he has, because of the ark of God." So David went (again) to bring up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to the City of David with rejoicing.

13 When those who were carrying the ark of the Lord had taken six steps, he sacrificed a bull and a fattened calf.

- We have tendency to minimize sin. Not God!
- Ezekiel 18:20, "The soul who sins shall die..."
- Romans 6:23, "the wages of sin is death..."
- God makes a way for people to be near Him!
- 1 Peter 1:18-19a, "it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ..."