

Defining Moments
David – A Man After God's Heart
1 Samuel 13:14

ONE THING

Defining Moments are those FAITH MOMENTS that create a SPIRITUAL MOMENTUM to unlock a SUPERNATURAL MOVEMENT of God.

When Saul was rejected by the Lord as king of Israel...

1 Samuel 13:14 (NLT) — But now your kingdom must end, for the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart. The LORD has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

"... the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart."

When it says that the Lord was looking for a man after His own heart, what does that mean?

What does it mean to be a person after God's own heart?

➤ **A Person POSSESSING God's Heart**

Is a person who has given his life to Jesus and received a new heart!

Ezekiel 36:26 (ESV) — And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

➤ **A Person PURSUING God's Heart**

Is a person who is chasing after the heart of God!

Jeremiah 29:13–14a (ESV) — You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD ...

➤ **A Person PLEASING God's Heart**

Is a person who lives a life that pleases the Lord!

1 Thessalonians 4:1a (NLT) — Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we urge you in the name of the Lord Jesus to live in a way that pleases God, as we have taught you...

Proverbs 16:7 (ESV) — When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

With the rejection of Saul as king of Israel, the Lord sought for a man after his own heart...

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The Lord found David...

David became king and lived his entire life with a heart after God's heart.

How did he live his life?

What are the defining attributes of a person who is after God's heart?

1. A FAITHFUL WALK with God

After Samuel's time of mourning over Saul's rejection by God he was sent to Jesse's home...

Jesse had SEVEN SONS...

He brought his oldest son, Eliab, out and Samuel was quite impressed!

However, the Lord was not...

1 Samuel 16:7 (ESV) — But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

The Lord has ONE FOCUS...

He does not focus on your appearance nor your importance...

The Lord focuses on the heart

➤ The HEART of the ISSUE is the ISSUE of the HEART

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) — Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.

After David had been king for 40 years, his son, Solomon, was anointed to be the next king...

After Solomon had finished building the Temple of the Lord, the Lord appeared to him...

1 Kings 9:4–5 (ESV) — And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'

Years later David's grandson, Rehoboam had become king and had not acted wisely...

Because of this the kingdom was divided into two parts...

The southern tribes of Judah and Benjamin remained under king Rehoboam...

While the northern ten tribes were handed over to Jeroboam to rule...

Jeroboam blew it and did not keep a heart after God...

Listen to what the Lord said to Jeroboam many years after David...

1 Kings 14:8 (ESV) — ... you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commandments and followed me with all his heart, doing only that which was right in my eyes

NOW WAIT JUST A MINUTE!

The Lord says here that David kept the commandments...

Yet David broke at least TWO COMMANDMENTS!

- **Adultery with Bathsheba**
- **Murder of her husband, Uriah**

When David was confronted with his sins listen to what he cried out to God...

Psalm 51:1–2 (ESV) — Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Psalm 51:7 (ESV) — Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psalm 51:10–12 (ESV) — Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

David repented of his sins!

Listen to David's understanding of God's forgiveness...

Psalm 103:12 (NLT) — He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

So let me share with you a couple of things you need to know...

People after God's heart are *NOT*...

They are not...

- **Perfect**
- **Necessarily the one others would pick**

He has a heart for God!

Well, regarding David, we know a lot about how he started...

- **Killing Goliath**
- **Later becoming king of Israel...**

1. A FAITHFUL WALK with God

2. A FERVENT WORSHIP of God

One of the first things David wanted to do when he became king of Israel was to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem

The Tabernacle was the place where the Lord resided with His people...

The Ark of the Covenant was placed in the Holy of Holies...

The Lord's presence would come and rest upon the Mercy Seat that covered the Ark...

At the time when David became king the Ark resided at the house of a man named

David's first attempt to bring the Ark to Jerusalem failed because he used man's way of carrying the Ark rather than the way the Lord had commanded the people in Scripture...

Finally, David had the priests carry the Ark on poles as the Lord had directed and brought the Ark back to Jerusalem...

As they were bringing the Ark to Jerusalem listen to the description of David's actions...

2 Samuel 6:14 (ESV) — And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod.

A person after God's heart is fervent in worship!

→ ILLUSTRATION – Jonathan Edwards & Religious Affections

- Jonathan Edwards was one of the primary preachers of the First Great Awakenings in America...
- He is probably best known for his sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God"
- As he preached and pastored during that great Awakening that turned our nation back to God he was not overly popular among other preachers...
- The move of God during his services was seen by some as nothing but EMOTIONALISM...
- People were weeping, laying out on the floor, and broken...
- In that day the songs sung in worship were the Psalms put to music...
- During that First Great Awakening people began writing songs of praise that were not the Psalms...

- They would sing those songs at Jonathan's church to the anger of others...
- In the years that followed the Awakening Jonathan Edwards wrote a lengthy work titled, "On Religious Affections"
- He wrote this in response to the enormous criticisms he received from some of the other (jealous) preachers...
- In "Religious Affections" Jonathan Edwards made a statement that, when I read it I was blown away...

"Religious affections are no sure sign of a genuine move of God, but no religious affections are a sure sign of no move of God."

Let me repeat this using today's language...

"An outward display of emotions is no sure sign of a genuine move of God, but no outward display of emotions is a sure sign of no move of God."

As King David was entering Jerusalem with the Ark of God, his wife Mikel (the daughter of Saul) was watching from up in a window above...

2 Samuel 6:16 (ESV) — As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD, and she despised him in her heart.

2 Samuel 6:23 (ESV) — And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child to the day of her death.

An unwillingness to worship the Lord with fervency and to despise those who do can result in spiritual barrenness

People after God's heart are NOT...

They are not...

- ***Passive***
- ***Always predictable***

David's fervent worship is evident throughout his entire life!

He wrote numerous songs to be sung during worship...

Psalm 63:1–4 (ESV) — O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalm 103:1–5 (ESV) — Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

1. A FAITHFUL WALK with God

2. A FERVENT WORSHIP of God

3. A FIERCE WARRIOR with God

We all know David's famous battle against Goliath, the giant from Gath...

He ran towards the giant and shouted...

1 Samuel 17:45 (ESV) — Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

Because the favor of the Lord was upon David and because he followed the Lord's guidance into every battle, he won victory after victory over all his enemies...

His fame grew so great that a song was sung about him that became known by his enemies...

1 Samuel 29:5 (ESV) — Is not this David, of whom they sing to one another in dances, 'Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?"

David's fame as a feared warrior was known by all...

1 Chronicles 14:17 (ESV) — And the fame of David went out into all lands, and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

People after God's heart are NOT...

They are not...

- ***Always gentle***
- ***Always popular***

A man after God's own heart is a warrior!

... Not FOR the Lord, but WITH the Lord!

The Bible makes it clear that the Lord is a Warrior!

Exodus 15:3 (NASB95) — “The LORD is a warrior; The LORD is His name.

The birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was not a “Silent Night”!

The birth of Jesus was not a sweet cuddly story...

The birth of Jesus was a declaration of war by the Kingdom of God against the kingdom of darkness!

1 John 3:8b (ESV) — ... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

When a man gives his life to Jesus, he enters the ranks of Soldiers of the Cross!

We are not fighting for victory, but from victory!

The Apostle Paul tells us to “ARMOR UP!”

Ephesians 6:10–12 (ESV) — Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the

cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

We put on our Armor and then we join Jesus in declaring His Victory!

2 Corinthians 10:3–4 (ESV) — For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

Jesus made it very clear that there are no exceptions!

Matthew 12:30 (ESV) — Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

We will all give an account for how we fought alongside the Lord in this life...

2 Corinthians 5:10 (ESV) — For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Years ago I made a decision...

When my day comes to stand before the Lord and give an account for what I have done in this body...

I WANT MY ARMOR TO BE DENTED AND BLOODIED AND LOOK LIKE I'VE BEEN IN WAR!

Acts 13:36 (ESV) — For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep ...

Do you want your life to be known as one with a heart after God?

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