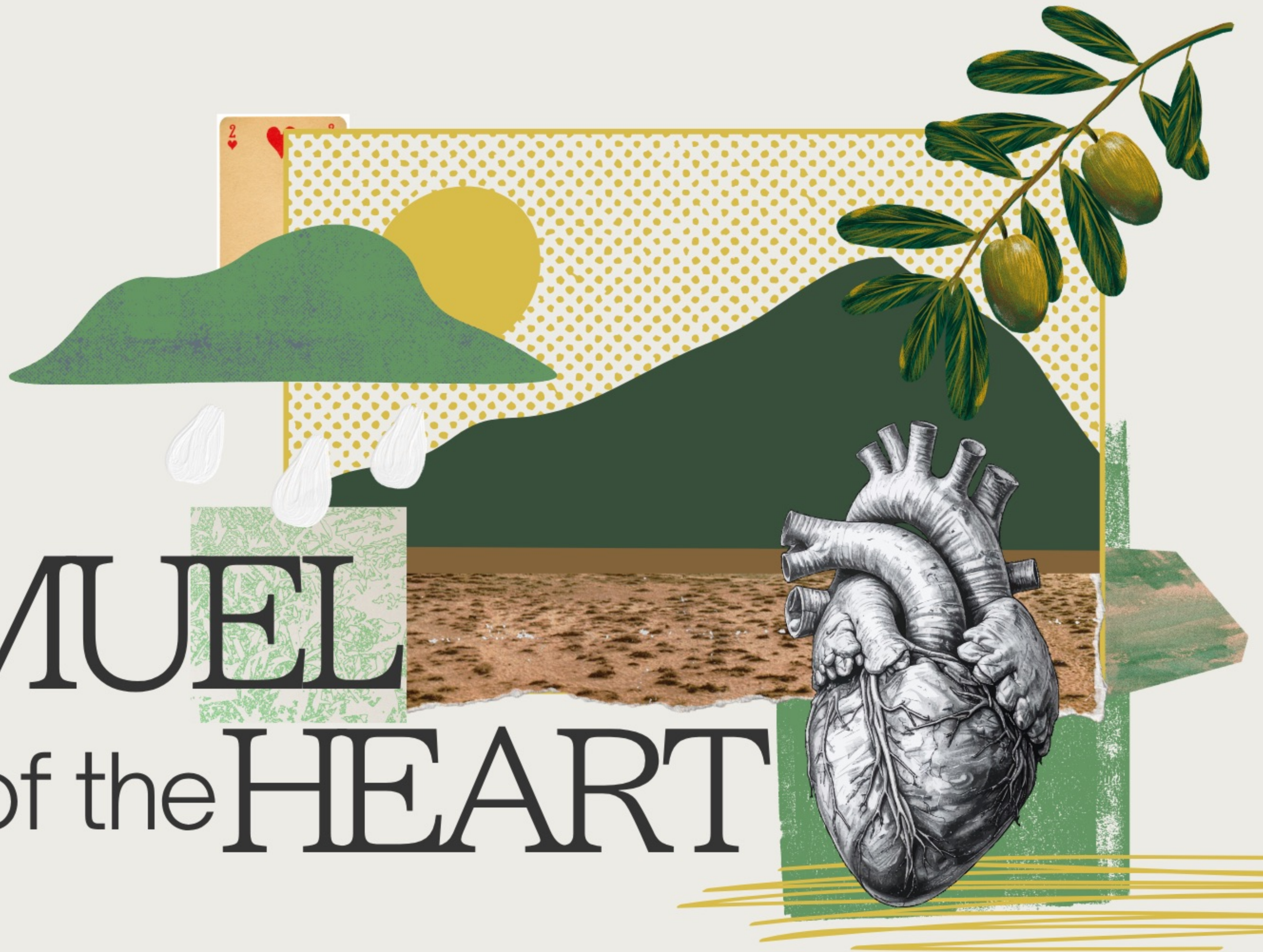


1 SAMUEL

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1 SAMUEL 13:14

“But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”



1 Samuel 2:35

“And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart (levav, לֵב) and in my mind (nephesh, נֶפֶשׁ)...”

in the anthropology of the Hebrew Bible the
“heart” (levav, לֵב) is the seat of the intellect and
will, and the soul (nephesh, נֶפֶשׁ) is the seat of
appetites and desires.

Therefore, message of 1 Samuel that unfolds
repeatedly is that **God is searching for *and*
promoting people who both desire the things
God desires and choose (will) to do the things
God wills.**



1 Samuel 16:7

“For the Lord sees not as man sees:
man looks on the outward
appearance, but the Lord looks on
the heart.”



And while Jesus has not yet incarnated in the timeline by 1 Samuel, he is and has always been God, and he is present here in 1 Samuel seeing the heart as it actually **is**.

Biblically, a good metric to measure your heart is your inclination to repentance. You will sin, you will make mistakes. But is your instinct, your reaction to your heart getting revealed, repentance or something else?

1 SAMUEL



1 SAMUEL 25

May we all, like Abigail, run to the only one who can forgive our offence, the only one who can turn aside his own judgement, the only one who can issue us peace, and make us his own.

