

Abraham is not the only biblical hero whose example is a mixture of *often* trusting and obeying God but *sometimes* distrusting and disobeying God. We can see that pattern most clearly displayed in David, the “man after God’s own heart” who was guilty of adultery (which might have been rape) and conspiracy to murder. Yet he is remembered not for his colossal failures but for his heart for God. How can this be? Do the stories of biblical heroes like Abraham and David tell us that God is indifferent to our behavior? Or do they tell us that God is interested in something deeper than our behavior?

- What did Jesus call “the first and greatest commandment” (Matt 22:34-40)?
- If all of this is true, God’s “well done” is reserved not for the best-behaved but for the ones who loved and trusted Him most deeply and most consistently; what is there in your life that is the greatest hindrance to your love for God and trust in His promises?

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