

Series: *Matters of the Heart*

Today's Message: "God's Heart"

1 Samuel 13:13-14

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¹³ Samuel said to Saul, "You have been foolish. You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you. It was at this time that the Lord would have permanently established your reign over Israel, ¹⁴ but now your reign will not endure. The Lord has found a man after his own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over his people, because you have not done what the Lord commanded."

1. The Circumstances that Shaped David.

- **The times of his life**

- **The traits of his life**

...valiant man, a warrior, eloquent, handsome, and the Lord is with him. (1 Sam. 16:18)

- **The talents of his life**

2. The Choice that Selected David

- **Saul was the people's choice.**

There was no one more impressive among the Israelites than he. He stood a head taller than anyone else. (1 Sam. 9:2)

- **David was the Lord's choice.**

Three Traits that Qualified David

1. Harmony

For the eyes of the Lord roam throughout the earth to show himself strong for those who are wholeheartedly devoted to him. (2 Chron. 16:9)

2. Humility.

...what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

3. Integrity.

⁷⁰He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; ⁷¹from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance.

⁷²And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them. (Psalm 78:70-72 NIV)

²⁶Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. (1 Cor. 1:26-29)