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a series on the life of King David

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*"The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart. "*

*- 1 Samuel 13:14*



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<sup>26</sup> Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?





<sup>32</sup> Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.

<sup>33</sup> You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.






<sup>34</sup> Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup> 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.

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David is confident because he's not comparing himself to Goliath; he's comparing Goliath to God!



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<sup>37</sup> The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.



Looking back on faith allows us to look forward in faith.



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David is ready to face Goliath because he's been tending to his heart and has become a man after God's own heart.

## Psalm 23

The Lord is my *shepherd*, I lack nothing.  
He *makes* me lie down in green pastures,  
He *leads* me beside quiet waters,  
He *refreshes* my soul.  
He *guides* me along the right paths  
for His name's sake.

———— Even though I walk ————  
through the darkest valley,  
**I will fear no evil,**  
———— for You are with me; ————

Your *rod* and Your *staff*,  
they *comfort* me.  
You *prepare* a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
You *anoint* my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely Your **goodness** and **love** will follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I *will dwell* in the house of the Lord

— **FOREVER.** —





<sup>37</sup> Go, and the Lord be with you.







<sup>38</sup> Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup> David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off.

<sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

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David goes to face Goliath not dressed like a warrior because that's not who he is. Instead, he goes out to battle as a shepherd boy who knows that God is with him.

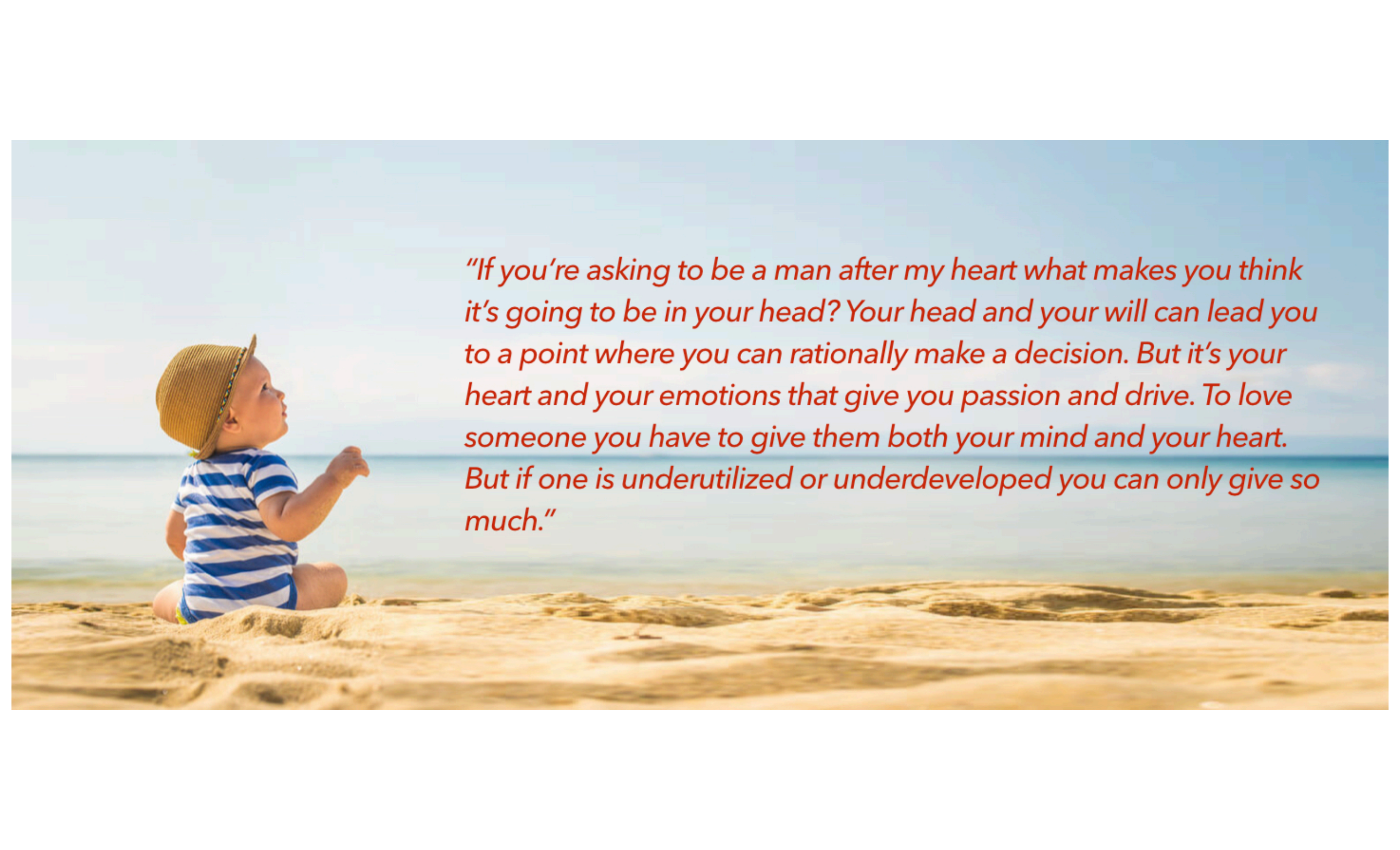
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We've got to learn not just how to trust God with the situations we face, but how to trust him with our hearts.

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"How will I know if I become a man after your heart?"

*"When you begin to feel as I do. And are grieved by what grieves my heart. And overjoyed by what brings me joy."*

A baby wearing a straw hat and a blue and white striped shirt is sitting on a sandy beach, looking out at the ocean under a clear blue sky. The baby is positioned on the left side of the frame, looking towards the right. The ocean is visible in the background, and the sand is in the foreground.

*"If you're asking to be a man after my heart what makes you think it's going to be in your head? Your head and your will can lead you to a point where you can rationally make a decision. But it's your heart and your emotions that give you passion and drive. To love someone you have to give them both your mind and your heart. But if one is underutilized or underdeveloped you can only give so much."*

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# Heart Challenge


Being people after God's heart means burying our hearts in God.  
Let's set aside 3 moments this week to engage our hearts in worship.



<sup>48</sup> As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground. <sup>50</sup> So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

<sup>51</sup> David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran.



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David defeats Goliath because he's become a man after God's own heart, who trusts God, sees the world with God's eyes, and relies on God's strength.

A baby wearing a straw hat and a blue and white striped shirt is sitting on a sandy beach, looking out at the ocean. The background shows the ocean and a clear sky. A semi-transparent dark blue rectangle is overlaid on the image, containing text.

# What is my next step in becoming a person after God's heart?

- *trusting God with the goliaths I'm currently facing*
- *throwing off the "clothes" I've put on over time that I'm not actually supposed to be wearing*
- *tending to my heart (e.g., through worship)*
- *cutting off those things that are getting in the way*