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What Would I Do If I Was David, pt.-1

Purpose: Provoke people to follow the example of David, a man after God's heart.

Truth for Today: To be like David, we need a heart to do God's will, spend time in God's Presence, grieve and repent when we sin, and believe God can do anything.

Topic: David, Role Model, Discipleship, Will of God, Presence of God, Sin, Faith

Text: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Series title: What Would I Do If...

Series purp.: Provoke people to follow God's will, God's Word and the Holy Spirit above all else

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- I. Introduction -Building update- Easter 12 service-Video Everett
  - A. [1 Samuel 16:1-13 (NLT)]...the Lord said to Samuel (*the prophet*)...Find a man named Jesse...for **I have selected one of his sons to be my king.**...<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the Lord's anointed!" <sup>7</sup> But the Lord said... "**Don't judge by his appearance or height... The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.**"...<sup>13</sup>...And **the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on...**] David would grow up to be the greatest king of Israel, he would be in the lineage of Christ and wrote most of the book of Psalms. Why did God choose him? '*The Lord looks at the heart*'. Def.: Heart: who we are on the inside that makes us think and act the way we do. There was something special about David's heart, that made God choose him.
  - B. Review series: "What Would I Do If..." We're looking at Biblical characters to show us the result of their good and bad decisions so we can live a life pleasing to God. Today we'll ask the question, 'What Would I Do If I Was David?' We're going to explore 4 things that made David's heart pleasing to God and hopefully imitate him.
- II. #1: David's heart was to do God's will above all else
  - A. Acts 13:22 (ESV) And when he had removed him (*Saul*), he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, '**I have found in David...a man after my heart, who will do all my will.**' (NLT) **He will do everything I want him to do.**
    1. Doing God's will means doing what He wants us to do, i.e., obeying the Bible and the H.S. It's trying to put God 1<sup>st</sup> in all parts our life. This doesn't mean we have to be perfect all the time, David wasn't (Adultery with Bathsheba). But when he got 'off track' he repented and got back 'on track' with God. So should we.
  - B. How important to me is doing God's will? Facts not feelings provide the answer: E.g. Where does my time go? Where does my money go? How often does God's Word effect my thinking and decisions? How do I treat people? Am I doing what God called me to do? Don't feel bad. Decide now to change.
- III. #2: David loved to spend time in God's Presence
  - A. [Psalm 42:1-2 (NLT)] As the deer longs for streams of water, so **I long for you, O God.** <sup>2</sup> **I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?**

1. Time in His Presence means public and private worship, prayer, time in God's Word and just being still before Him. A heart after God does these things not out of religious obligation or duty but because we love Him.
- B. How do I develop a heart like this, a heart that, *'longs for God'*?
1. **Cut back on distractions** Parable [Mt. 13:22 (NLT)] The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the **message is crowded out** by the **worries of this life and the lure of wealth**, so no fruit is produced.] God can get crowded out if our life is too complicated. Hobbies, work, phone, honey-dos, etc. can consume our time and squeeze God out. **If our life is too busy for God, then we're too busy and need to stop some other activities.**
  2. **Plan to make time to be alone with God.** Jesus miraculously fed 5k men, [Mt. 14:23 (NLT)] After sending them home, he went up into the hills **by himself to pray...**] This was a pattern with Jesus. He would take time to be alone with God. We should prioritize making time with God to be alone with Him every day.
  3. **Worship passionately at church**
- IV.#3: **David's heart was grieved and he repented when he sinned** David wasn't perfect
- A. Context: adultery with Bathsheba, exposed by Nathan the prophet, [Psalm 51 (NLT)] Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love... blot out the stain of my sins. <sup>2</sup> Wash me clean from my guilt... <sup>3</sup> For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. <sup>4</sup>... wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. <sup>8</sup> Oh, give me back my joy again... <sup>10</sup> **Create in me a clean heart, O God.**
- B. David wasn't perfect and neither are we. Temptation entices us to sin and sin effects our heart and our relationship with God. We feel guilty and that's good because we know we did wrong. When we sin, be like David. Run to God. Don't let sin pull you down like quicksand. Our loving God will forgive us and help us win the battle against sin. Be like David and pray, *'Create in me a clean heart, O God.'* He will.
- V. #4: **David had a heart that believed believe God could do anything.**
- A. Context war/ Goliath, [1 Sam. 17:32-37 (NLT)]... David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"...<sup>34</sup>... "I have been taking care of my father's sheep... "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb...<sup>35</sup> I go after it with a club... If the animal turns on me, I... club it to death. <sup>36</sup>... and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too...<sup>37</sup> **The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!"**
1. **David believed God could do what seemed impossible.** Saul saw a 10' warrior but David's faith-filled heart made him believe and act like God was able to help him win. When we make decisions, we rely on 4 things: experience, reason, experts, or faith in God. All 4 are important but when God speaks to us, let faith guide us.
- B. A heart filled with faith in God made the virgin Mary have a baby; Peter walked on water; Ananias healed blinded Saul's eyes, Elijah fill a poor widows jars with oil to survive, and faith made a teenage boy sling a rock and kill a 10' giant.
- C. Angel to Mary, [Luke 1:37 (NKJV)] **For with God nothing will be impossible.**"] Jesus to a dad daughter died, [Luke 8:50 (NLT)]... Jesus... said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. **Just have faith**, and she will be healed.""] David had faith like this. So can we.
- VI. Conclusion: Let's pray that God would help us have a heart like David.

- A. Having a heart like David starts with our sincere desire and willingness to pursue God at a deeper level. If so, we need to: (1) Desire to do God's will, (2) Spend time in God's Presence, (3) Grieve and repent when we sin, and (4) Believe God can do anything.

## VII. Response

- A. Souls: David was the godly person he was because He loved God. God loved him and God loves us. Problem-Solution-Decision

## VIII. Bibliography/ Resources: Logos Bible Software and Library, Platinum Edition, was used to prepare this message.

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2. Strongs, Hebrew 3824; NASB Bible Dictionary

## IX. Supplemental material

- A. By far the majority of the usages of *lēb* refer either to the inner or immaterial nature in general or to one of the three traditional personality functions of man; emotion, thought, or will.<sup>1</sup>
- B. Def. heart: inner man, mind, will. 2 Our personality; emotions, feelings, thoughts, or will. 1 How and why we think, feel and behave. Our soul
- C. Son Solomon [Proverbs 4:23 (NLT) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.] I want a heart like David and I'm going to pursue it.
- D. Sarah was told she'd have a baby at 99 but laughed. The Lord asked her "Is anything too hard for the Lord"? The answer was no and Sarah had a baby at 90.