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CHASING AFTER GOD'S HEART



Life isn't an accumulation of abstractions such as love and truth, sin and salvation, atonement and holiness; life is the realization of details that all connect organically, personally, specifically: names and fingerprints, street numbers and local weather,

beef for supper and a flat tire in the rain. God reveals himself to us not in a metaphysical formation or a cosmic fireworks display but in the kind of stories that we use to tell our children who they are and how to grow up as human beings, and tell our friends who we are and what's its like to be human.

Story is the most adequate way we have of accounting for our lives, noticing the obscure details that turn out to be pivotal, appreciating the subtle accents of color and form and scent that give texture to our actions and feelings,

giving coherence to our meetings and relationships in work and family, finding our precise place in the neighborhood and in history....Story is the primary means we have for learning what the world is, and what it means to be a human beings in it.

Eugene Peterson

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A man after God's own heart, who served
God's purpose in his generation

Life is where God confronts us.

Life is where we experience God.

The story of David
is strikingly human.

We either sanctify
and romanticize them
or we nullify and demonize them.

People are better than we presumed,
and worse than we feared.

*What do you call people who lie, cuss a little
cheat, covet, are lustful, struggle
with greed, have been known to fudge
on their taxes, a bit racist, or sexist, been
known to experience depression, have a
problem with anger, a problem with porn,*

with loneliness, with being hateful, a problem with being too judgmental and self-righteous, people who can eat too much, drink too much, spend too much and self-medicate too much because of fear, anxiety, or worry but yet they believe that Jesus died for their sins, was buried and raised from the dead?

Christians

King Saul

Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel?”

1 Samuel 16:1 NIV

Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

1 Samuel 16:1 NIV

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him.

1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack
nothing.

Psalm 23:1 NIV

He makes me lie down in green
pastures, he leads me beside
quiet waters,

Psalm 23:2 NIV

he refreshes my soul. He guides
me along the right paths for his
name's sake.

Psalm 23:3 NIV

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.

Psalm 23:4 NIV

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Psalm 23:5 NIV

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.

Psalm 23:6 NIV

Surely your goodness and
unfailing love will pursue me all
the days of my life, and I will live
in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6 NLT

Surely **goodness** and **mercy** shall
follow me All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the
Lord Forever.

Psalm 23:6 NKJV

When things are bad, God is still
good, and even when I fail Him,
God's mercy never fails me.

We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.

Tim Keller