



## Key to God's Heart

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- How you respond to a crisis today will determine how they remember the crisis tomorrow.
- God often allows chaos to create space for God's people to bring a divine perspective to a culture that has no answers.

"if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 | ESV

"Now there was a man named Naboth, from Jezreel, who owned a vineyard in Jezreel beside the palace of King Ahab of Samaria. One day Ahab said to Naboth, 'Since your vineyard is so convenient to my palace, I would like to buy it to use as a vegetable garden. I will give you a better vineyard in exchange, or if you prefer, I will pay you for it.'

But Naboth replied, 'The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance that was passed down by my ancestors.'

1 KINGS 21:1-3 | NLT

The town leaders then sent word to Jezebel, 'Naboth has been stoned to death.'

When Jezebel heard the news, she said to Ahab, 'You know the vineyard Naboth wouldn't sell you? Well, you can have it now! He's dead!' So Ahab immediately went down to the vineyard of Naboth to claim it."

1 KINGS 21:14-16 | NLT

"(No one else so completely sold himself to what was evil in the Lord's sight as Ahab did under the influence of his wife Jezebel.)  
1 KINGS 21:25 | NLT

"But when Ahab heard this message, he tore his clothing, dressed in burlap, and fasted. He even slept in burlap and went about in deep mourning.

Then another message from the Lord came to Elijah: 'Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has done this, I will not do what I promised during his lifetime. ...'  
1 KINGS 21:27-29a | NLT

- People's eyes are attracted to what's impressive, but their hearts are attracted to what's humble.

"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less."  
JOHN 3:30 | NLT

- When I choose to become less, God will choose to do more.
- There will be a day when I would trade more assets for more God stories.
- God can move my mountains, but will let me humble my heart.
- If God is for me, who can be against me? But if God is against me, who can be for me?

1 Humility is what others see on you.

2 Offense is far from you.

3 Confidence is what comes out of you.

- Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less.
- If you gained it through God's-promotion, not self-promotion, then God will sustain it.

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Servant is what defines you.

- I don't praise people for having good gifts, but rather what they choose to do with them.

"Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him."

JOHN 13:1-5 | NLT

"Though he was God,  
 he did not think of equality with God  
 as something to cling to.  
 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges;  
 he took the humble position of a slave  
 and was born as a human being.  
 When he appeared in human form,  
 he humbled himself in obedience to God  
 and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor  
 and gave him the name above all other names,  
 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father."

PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11 | NLT

"You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had."

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 | NLT

## Small Group Questions

- 1** Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why?
- 2** In God's kingdom, surrender precedes a win. **Why do you think God signals repentance as a prerequisite for His movement? Is there currently something you need to repent from?**
- 3** Humility is something that's often hard to practice wholeheartedly. **In what area of your life do you need to practice more humility? What's one step you could take today?**
- 4** This is perhaps the most beautiful picture of leadership in the Bible: that being fully God, Jesus still served those around him. **What are some ways that you could serve those around you this week?**
- 5** How can we be praying for you this week?