

**A Heart of Submission**  
**Heart Matters Message Series Week 5**  
**1 Samuel 24**  
May 5, 2024  
Pastor Jeff Burkholder

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