

Have A Heart

Message Notes

Intro

- LAST WEEK we learned about the dangers of insecurity, and how it will destroy your life
- One major lesson that we learn from Saul and David is that people look on the outside, we all do and can't help it, but God looks at the heart!
 - God is like a heart connoisseur. He studies hearts.

Text

1 Samuel 13:14 (NLT) — 14 But now your kingdom must end, for the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart. The LORD has already appointed him to be the leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

Acts 13:22 (NLT) — 22 But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do.'

1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT) — 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

The ancient understanding of heart:

- Thoughts
- Intentions
- Motives
- Values
- Emotions
- Desires

Body

1. A heart that DESIRES God

1. In narrative

1. David is a psalmist from a young age
2. David is a worshiper who wanted the ark in Jerusalem and the tent of worship established
3. He had a longing for the Lord

4. He had a desire to please the Lord throughout his life
2. In scripture
 1. **Psalms 63:1 (NLT)** — 1 O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water.
 2. **Psalms 42:1–2 (NLT)** — 1 As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. 2 I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?
 3. **Psalms 143:6 (NLT)** — 6 I lift my hands to you in prayer. I thirst for you as parched land thirsts for rain. Interlude
 4. **Psalms 27:4 (NLT)** — 4 The one thing I ask of the LORD— the thing I seek most— is to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, delighting in the LORD's perfections and meditating in his Temple.
 5. **Psalms 84:2 (NLT)** — 2 I long, yes, I faint with longing to enter the courts of the LORD. With my whole being, body and soul, I will shout joyfully to the living God.
 6. **Psalms 73:25 (NLT)** — 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth.

2. A heart that **ALIGNS** with God

1. In scripture
 1. **Psalms 119:30 (NLT)** — 30 I have chosen to be faithful; I have determined to live by your regulations.
 2. **Psalms 40:8 (NLT)** — 8 I take joy in doing your will, my God, for your instructions are written on my heart.”
 3. **Psalms 19:14 (NLT)** — 14 May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.
 4. **Psalms 97:10 (NLT)** — 10 You who love the LORD, hate evil! He protects the lives of his godly people and rescues them from the power of the wicked.
2. In thought - I think like God thinks
 1. Values - Loving what He loves and hating what He hates
3. In will - I want what God wants
4. In emotion - I feel how God feels

3. A heart that **RETURNS** to God

1. Our failures can drive us into several places
 1. Run in shame
 2. Harden in rebellion
 3. Deeper in sin
 4. OR
 5. Return in humility
2. David had a few mistakes throughout his life and each time he came running back to God.
3. Mom's know kids hearts when they mess up
 1. They hide it in shame
 2. They show no remorse
 3. They desire to continue

4. Or they are really sorry!
4. **Psalm 51:10–12 (NLT) — 10** Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. 11 Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and make me willing to obey you.
5. **Psalm 32:5 (NLT) — 5** Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Interlude

How to change your heart

- Open your heart
- Surrender your heart
- Receive a new heart

The tension in your intentions

- What you end up doing is the ultimate test of your heart