

Cornerstone Message Notes

"Desiring the Heart of God" (1 Samuel 16 / Acts 13:22)

"The Greatest Stories of the Bible" series - part 11

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THEME / (The Sermon In a Sentence or Two)

Having a heart for God is the key to living out the desires of God.

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APPLICATION / (What to Do with What You Hear)

We need to embrace the reality that it's developed by what we choose to do & why we choose to do it in response to God's love & desires for & through us.

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FOCUS / (The Core of the Content to Get Us Started)

"In a hidden valley just over the hill, a young shepherd boy surrenders his will; as he lifts his voice in praise to His King, only the lambs will hear and follow as he sings / In a hidden valley a leader is born, he has faced the fears and weathered the storm; so with humble heart and love for his God he becomes royalty with just a staff and rod - hidden valleys produce a life song, hidden valleys will make a heart strong; desperation can cause you to sing, hidden valleys turn shepherds to kings."

Those words from Kelly Willard's song called "Hidden Valleys" capture the heart of this morning's message - a heart for God is nurtured & grows like a seed in soil in that the real stuff happens in ways only God can see.

If you're a true believer then you truly desire the heart of God. Of course desiring something & having something are two different things. May God use this message to stir in each one of us a burning desire in our hearts to know His heart in all things.

What We Can Learn from David's Heart for God ...

1. It's DEVELOPED by ALWAYS BEING
AWARE of the AUDIENCE of ONE.

Character is forged in private & proven in public.

1 Samuel 16:7-13 / Acts 13:22

2. It REQUIRES CONSISTENCY & CONFIDENCE.

The only way these will be our reality is if we make the choice for them to be.

1 Samuel 17:34-37

3. While we'll NEVER be PERFECT,
by HIS GRACE we CAN be CONSISTENT.

The call is always onward & upward in our walk with & influence for the Lord.

2 Samuel 11 / Acts 13:36

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Making It Real Questions

- 1] Do you see the simplicity in & power from cultivating this awareness?
- 2] Will you seek to make these two realities your own?
- 3] What changes do you need to make today that will increase your heart for God?

Action Step

Do something sacrificial & selfless for someone every day this coming week.