

Text: 1 & 2 Samuel
Topics: Faith, Heart, Obedience, Sovereignty of God
On Mission with God: An Old Testament Sweep

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The Heart of It

I. The Anointing (1 Samuel 13:13-14; 16:1-13)

God requires faith in the heart that produces obedience in the hands.

II. The Anvil (1 Samuel 17, 24, & 26)

David's faith in God's sovereignty is expressed in acts of courage and restraint.

III. The Aftermath (2 Sam. 7:8-17; 1 Kings 2:1-4)

God makes an eternal promise to David that even his own failures before God do not negate.

God requires faith that produces acts of obedience based on God's Word and belief in His sovereignty.

Application Questions - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.

1. What would you say is the current condition of your heart in relation to God?

2. Read Jeremiah 17:9 & Proverbs 4:23. What do these verses tell us about our hearts?

What best helps you to keep your heart in the right place? What hinders you from keeping your heart in the right place?

3. What does Psalm 33:6-11 tell us about God? (Read the whole Psalm for a blessing! See also Psalm 103:19 & 135:6).

How does this challenge your faith in the difficult areas of life? For example: In the temptations of sin, in fears, in stepping out in faith to serve God, etc.

4. What does John 1:12 tell us we are, if we have placed our faith in Jesus' sacrifice for our sins?

If this is who we are, what would, and what should, characterize our relationship with God?

Is your relationship with the Lord like this? What would help your relationship with the Lord to grow?

5. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?