

David a man after God's own heart

1. The heart is more than just a pump that circulates the blood around our bodies. It is the seat of our emotions Pro 4:23 In Ezek 23:13. Discuss
2. God used the phrase "*A Man after God's Own Heart*" to describe King David (*1 Sam 13:14 & Acts 13:22*). What qualities of David made Him a Man after God's own heart?
3. David was a man in whom God confided, yet he was prone to personal weakness. In spite of this God treated him with special favour. Is there any reason why people today can not become *'People after God's own heart'*?
4. The prophet Samuel came to David's father's house to anoint the next king. While His 7 older brothers were brought before Samuel, David was left tending the sheep. He was the afterthought. Have you ever felt overlooked or rejected like that?
5. How was tending the sheep good for David's relationship with God? What skills did it develop that helped him as a future leader?
6. God tests and trains us by putting us in obscure positions where faithfulness to Him is difficult. How we handle our daily challenges determines our character & success. Share a situation like this that you have been involved in. See Matt 25:14-30
7. People often run from their challenges and problems. They believe that if they go somewhere or do something else, life will turn out better. Share an occasion when you have felt like this

8. David came confidently against Goliath because of his personal relationship with God. David said in 1 **Sam 17:37** *The One who delivered me from the paw of the lion & from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine*” There are people who may not look much in the natural realm, but who carry the power of God. They spend much of their time worshipping and seeking the Lord. They have a servant’s heart a have been proven faithful. Do you know anybody like that?

9. As well as lions & bears we also need to watch out for little foxes that spoil vine (Song of Solomon 2). Unlike a lion or bear, a fox is sly & difficult to see & catch. Instead of having patience and love we manifest anger and irritation. This is a sign that a little fox is robbing the fruit of our vineyard. When we notice that we’ve lost our love or our joy it's time to ask the Lord to show us the root of our problem. Discuss

10. The wonderful thing is that we’re all a work in progress. God allows the Goliaths, the lions & the foxes we battle with *to help us become more than conquerors*. There’s never a victory without a battle. Encourage and pray for each other.