

# heart of repentance

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## REVIEW

- God looks at the *heart* (our inner being - mind, will, emotions)
  - 1 Sam 16:7 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.” NLT
- King David, *a man after God’s own heart*
  - 1 Sam 13:14 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.” NLT
  - Acts 13:22 <sup>22</sup>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.’ NLT
- Aspects of David’s life and character for us to follow
  - A heart for God, A heart of courage, A heart of submission

## PREVIEW

- Today – David’s heart of repentance (Next week - a heart of worship)
- David sinned drastically, yet when confronted, he fully repented
- God’s forgiveness doesn’t erase our consequences
- Seek to answer the question, How does God see us after we’ve sinned?

### 1. David sins (2 Samuel 11)

- Rape/Adultery with Bathsheba
- Murder and deception with Uriah
- Murder of additional men (2 Sam 11:17)
- “Despised the word of the LORD” (2 Sam 12:9)

### 2. Nathan confronts him (2 Samuel 12)

- Parable of two men. One rich with many sheep, one poor with only one. The rich steal from the poor.
- David’s response, “Any man that would do such a thing deserves to die” / pay back four times (v 5-6)
- Nathan to David, “You are that man!” (v 7)

### 3. David repents (2 Samuel 12; Psalm 32 and 51)

- David confesses, “I have sinned against the LORD” (v 13)
- *Confession* means “to say the same thing as” – meaning to agree with God. *His* version of sin.
- *Repentance* means “a change of mind” and direction – a 180 degree shift away from sin and *back* to God – a change in my thinking (I’m moving back in alignment with God and His perspective) and a change in my actions – not just sorry I did it but now I won’t do it again (2 Cor 7:10)
- Confession, repentance, and forgiveness do not erase consequences (2 Sam 12:10-12, 14)

### 4. Still “a man after God’s own heart”? (Acts 13:22)

- How can David sin so grievously and yet still be held in high esteem? (i.e., 2 Kings 22:2)
- David maintained a heart of repentance throughout his life (1 Sam 24:5; 2 Sam 12:13; 2 Sam 24:10)
- God does not define us by our sins and mistakes.
- It’s not about being perfect but having a heart posture of humility and repentance (Ps 51:17) – a heart that relies and trusts in the perfection of Christ (Rom 3:23-28)
- God has always been in the business of drawing straight lines with crooked sticks (Larry Osborne)

### 5. Our response

- Will we be a people that confess? Agree with God and *His* definitions of sin? (1 Jn 1:9)
- Will we humble ourselves under His authority and *repent*? Turn from our sin and selfish ways to a life of righteousness and good deeds? (Titus 2:11-14)
- Will we not only be a people that live a life of repentance, but will we also join Him in His mission of helping others repent and be reconciled to Him? (2 Cor 5:18-21)
- Let’s continue to be a church that “*reaches the world for Jesus, one person at a time.*”

### Practical Application

1. Do you agree with God’s definitions of sin? Not “despising the word of the LORD”?
2. Is there an area of your life to confess, come into the Light, to be honest about?
3. Are you truly living a life of repentance? Away from sin but also back towards God – seeking ways to live in righteousness and good deeds?
4. Who is someone in your life that needs to hear this message of repentance and reconciliation? Pray for opportunity and boldness to share

