

David: Developing a Heart for God

Old Testament Challenge - Week of July 18

Bible Text:

Book of 2 Samuel and Psalms

Theme:

King David had the same struggles and temptations we all face in life. As we look at David's struggle to yield his heart fully to God, we discover that we too can develop a heart that beats passionately for the Lord!

Daily Readings:

- Monday – 2 Samuel 5
- Tuesday – 2 Samuel 6
- Wednesday – 2 Samuel 9
- Thursday – Psalm 32
- Friday – 2 Samuel 11
- Saturday – 2 Samuel 12
- Sunday – Psalm 51

Bible Memory Verse:

After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.' Acts 13:22

Personal Reflection:

1. What temptations did David face in his life? Which of these temptations can you relate to in your own life?

2. What are some strategies you can employ to stand against temptation and keep the Lord as the first love of your heart/life?

3. What are some of the ways that David expressed his love for God?

4. Where are you most comfortable expressing love for God?
Where are you least comfortable?

Discussion Questions:

1. Make a list of what you believe should characterize the actions of someone who is passionately in love with another person. Which of these could be expressed in your relationship with God?
2. God is to be the first love of our hearts:
 - What are some of the things/people we can tend to love more than God?
 - How can we keep the fire in our hearts burning for the Lord?

Action Challenge:

Make a list of five specific ways you want to express love for God this week. Now, do it!