Truths to Consider

1. Is My Heart In Tune With God's Heart?

1 Samuel 13:14 "...the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart"

The very reason Saul was rejected is the reason David was chosen.

2. Are My Values Aligned With God's Values?

I Samuel 16: 6-7 "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him...7But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

Consider Human Values Vs. God's Values

3. Am I Prepared to Surrender My Heart To God?

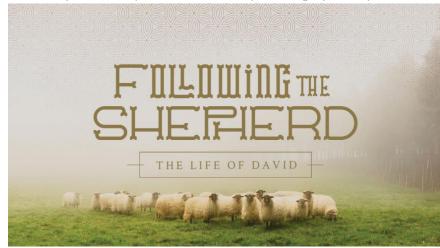
If we are honest, we all have a little bit of Saul within us.

Matthew 15:8; 18-20 " This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me... ¹⁸ But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. ¹⁹ For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: ²⁰ These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."

Our hearts are not born right, they are made right.

John 10:27-28 "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

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We often expect our journey of life to be a steady climb to greater mountain top experiences. The life of David teaches us that sometimes God leads us through green pastures and sometimes into the dark valleys. Through it all, our Shepherd leads us, and His presences is constant.

STUDY GUIDE - PSALM 23

Part 1 – Hearing His Voice... The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3

Part 2 – The Valley of Darkness... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me... Psalm 23:4

Part 3 – The Table Prepared... Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Psalm 23:5

Part 4 – Under The Rod... thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

Part 5 – Goodness and Mercy All The Days... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalm 23:6

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A MISSION FOR THE PROPHET