

**Chapter 1 : 10 Reasons David Is Called "A Man After God's Own Heart" • " Ron Edmondson**

*The Holy Spirit is telling us through David, "Seeking God is essential!" If it's not essential for you, then you've got to join David, the man after God's heart, in making it so. Application Questions.*

Related Media If you had to pick a single word to describe our society, perhaps the most accurate word would be pressure. We live in a day marked by pressure in almost every area of life. At five years old we are thrust into school where there is pressure to perform and to compete for grades. We join athletic teams where there is more pressure to excel. Then there is the pressure of getting a good job and, once we get it, of doing well enough to keep it and be promoted. There are family pressures: There are the pressures of raising godly children in our pagan society. World problems, economic problems, personal problems, and the problems of friends and loved ones all press upon us. In the midst of such pressures, there is one thing that will determine the course of your life: Everyone has a set of priorities. If your priorities are not clearly defined, you will be swept downstream in life by various pressures, the seeming victim of your circumstances. But if your priorities are clear, then you can respond to your pressures by making choices in line with your priorities, and thereby give direction to your life. Thus it is crucial that you have the right priorities. Your priorities determine how you spend your time, with whom you spend your time, and how you make decisions. Your priorities keep you from being battered around by the waves of pressure and help you to steer a clear course toward the proper destination. King David was a man who knew what it meant to live under pressure. As the king of Israel, he knew the pressures of leadership. The higher and more responsible the leadership position, the greater are the pressures. And David knew the pressure of problems. During his reign, his son, Absalom, led a rebellion against him. David and his loyal followers had to flee for their lives. During that time David spent a short while in the northeastern portion of the wilderness of Judah before he crossed over the Jordan River. In that barren land, fleeing for his life from his own son, feeling disgraced and rejected, with an uncertain future, David penned Psalm 63. It is one of the most well-loved psalms. Psalm 63 shows us the priority of this man of God under pressure. If you or I were under the kinds of pressure David faced at this point in his life, I doubt if we would be writing songs. If we did, the song would probably contain a lot of urgent requests: Get me out of here! But it is interesting that Psalm 63 contains no petition. But there is not one word of asking for temporal or even spiritual blessings. Seeking after God should be our most important priority. No matter what pressures come into your life, you will be able to handle them properly if you maintain this one priority above all else: Earnestly seek after God! I want to answer from Psalm 63 three questions about seeking after God: What does it mean to seek after God? What does the person look like who seeks after God? How does a person seek after God? But while keeping the depth of feeling in mind, it is helpful to separate out three strands of what it means to seek after God: To seek after God means to have an intimate personal relationship with God. There is a vast difference between knowing about a person and actually knowing that person. You can learn a lot about President Obama. You can read news articles and books on his life. You can learn all about his personality, his personal habits, and his family life. But it is still not the same as knowing him personally. To know the President personally would require an introduction or occasion to meet, and then spending hours with him over a long period of time in many situations. As the relationship developed you would begin to discover more and more about the man, not from an academic standpoint, but as a close friend. There must have been a time when you met Him personally through Jesus Christ. Jesus said John He gives you eternal life as His free gift. And then you must develop your relationship by spending time with your new Friend through the weeks and months and years in a variety of situations. To seek after God means always to desire more of Him. He wanted to go deeper. He was satisfied. He knew that there was more and his whole being craved it as a thirsty man in the desert craves for water. It was used of wild donkeys looking eagerly for food. The point is, to seek after God means to go after God with an intense desire. The man followed him and repeated the question. The man came up gasping for air. They mourned for Him, they prayed and wrestled and sought for Him day and night, in season and out, and when they had found Him, the finding was all the sweeter for the long seeking. Complacency is a deadly foe of all spiritual

growth. To seek after God means that there is always more, because God is an infinite person. David had walked with God for years, but he thirsted for more. To seek after God means to pursue God alone to fill the vacuum in your life. Many of us remember the day President Nixon resigned over the Watergate scandal. One day he was the leader of the most powerful nation on earth. The next day, he flew off into oblivion and disgrace. Even if we thought he deserved what happened to him, we could still identify with the emptiness, the shame, the wave of depression which must have enveloped Mr. He has fled from the throne. He left his possessions and his wives behind him. His own son whom he loved was attempting to kill him. Give me my palace back. Give me my kingdom back. They may be good things, but they are not God, and God alone can satisfy your soul. For example, many people fill their lives with family and friends. People are good, and human relationships are a blessing from God. But we should not try to fill the vacuum in our lives with people, but with God. Others try to fill their lives with possessions or with a successful and satisfying career. Again, those things have their place, but they are not meant to satisfy your soul. God alone can do that. To seek Him means to pursue Him alone to fill that God-shaped vacuum in your life. Thus seeking after God means to have an intimate personal relationship with Him; always to desire more of Him; and, to pursue God alone to fill the vacuum in your life. I only want to touch lightly on this question so that I can concentrate on the third question. But I want you to see that a person who seeks after God is not a religious mystic who is out of touch with reality. Putting God in the center of your life gives you balance and perspective in the crises of life. Notice, briefly four things which characterize the person who seeks the Lord: The person who seeks after God has inner satisfaction Even in the middle of a calamity such as this rebellion, which would push many to fall apart emotionally, David had inner peace and calm. Just as you feel physically after eating a delicious prime rib dinner, so David felt spiritually after feasting on the Lord. He was satisfied in God. The person who seeks after God has inner joy David had a joy not based on circumstances. His whole world was falling apart, but he had the Lord and His loyal love, and so he could sing and rejoice in God. The person who seeks after God has inner stability and strength in crisis My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me. The person who seeks after God has inner perspective and balance They will be delivered over to the power of the sword; they will be a prey for jackals [lit. But the king will rejoice in God; everyone who swears by Him will glory, for the mouths of those who speak lies will be stopped. As he considered his circumstances, he realized that God is just; God would judge fairly. The wicked would not prevail in the long run.

**Chapter 2 : David: Seeking a Heart Like His by Beth Moore on Vimeo**

*Pastor Dave Martin, Cross Creek Community Church, May 11, "David - A Man After God's Own Heart" Part 1 (Be reading & studying 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, 1Kings ) Throughout the Bible we see many individual characters, some good and some bad.*

Related Media We all like compliments. I think it was Mark Twain who said that he could live for a whole month on a good compliment. When that compliment comes from God Himself, we had better sit up and take notice! Here is a person whose life we can all profit by studying. Why would God put such a high affirmation on this man? David was anointed as king by the prophet Samuel while he was still a teenager although he did not assume the throne until he was He was probably in his late teens when he slew the giant Goliath. The trials David went through at the hand of Saul occurred while David was in his twenties. So his life contains much instruction for those on the young side of life. We expect it and it often becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy. In Scripture, there are many examples, David being foremost, of young people with a heart for God. Sure, David lacked the wisdom of experience. He needed trials to refine and mature him. But God began to use David in a significant way while he was still in his teens. He can still do that. He did not possess some inherent goodness which made God choose him. By nature we all are sinners, in rebellion against God. We all are self-willed and self-seeking rather than seeking after God Rom. No one deserves anything but judgment from God. And David was not made right before God by his own good deeds. How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity. Even so, God chooses for salvation those whom the world would reject, so that none can boast before God 1 Cor. Whether Saul was genuinely converted or not is subject to debate, and perhaps we can never know for sure. He strikes me as an example of the seed sown on the thorny ground, which got choked out and did not bear fruit unto eternal life. If David had a similar dramatic experience, it is not recorded in Scripture. Perhaps, like many who are converted in childhood, David could not put his finger on a date or describe a dramatic change. But the subsequent lives of the two men lead in opposite directions. Although David had his share of sins, he always confessed and turned from them, whereas Saul compromised and made excuses. David was honored by God, but Saul ended his life in disgrace. Genuine conversion may or may not be accompanied by some dramatic or emotional experience. Sometimes a person comes to Christ in a dramatic encounter, such as Paul on the Damascus Road. But at other times, a person cannot put his finger on the moment at which he was converted. Rather, he comes to a gradual awareness that God has done a work in his heart. But in every case, genuine conversion is a work of God in the human heart in which He imparts new life and a right standing before Him based on the work of Christ on the cross. It is not based upon human will power, but on the sovereign, unmerited favor and choice of God John 1: I ask each of you to examine yourself in light of Scripture on this most crucial point. Scripture gives a number of tests of whether faith is genuine or spurious e. A truly converted person will have a growing sensitivity to and turning from sin 1 John 1: He will be growing in obedience to Christ and in love for His people 1 John 2: In short, he will be learning to turn from self-seeking and instead to seek the things of God Luke 9: A converted person will not be apathetic about the things of God. Those who are complacent do not see their great need for God. But God says that such people do not know their true condition, that they are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked, and that He will spew them out of His mouth unless they repent Rev. Everything else is built on this. Note 1 Samuel Before Pentecost, the Spirit of God did not permanently indwell all believers as He does in the present age of grace. Rather, He came upon certain ones to enable them to perform certain roles or tasks. He also could and did leave those who did not walk uprightly 1 Sam. When Samuel anointed David for the throne, the Holy Spirit came upon him mightily from that day forward. David was a markedly different young man because of the Holy Spirit. If you are truly converted, you have the Holy Spirit indwelling you Rom. You must confess all known sin and yield consciously and continually to the Holy Spirit so that He will produce His fruit in your life Gal. Also, we need to be careful to realize that the prime mark of a Spirit-filled life is not miraculous signs and wonders, but rather the fruit of the Spirit Gal. I doubt if anyone except Samuel understood at that time the full significance of that act. But they knew it meant something. Then Samuel went

back to Ramah And where did David, the newly anointed king, go? Back to his sheep And what did he do out in the fields with those sheep? David used that time alone to develop his relationship with God. Psalm 23 probably flowed out of those quiet times with God. He also used that time to develop his skill as a musician For most of my twenties, I was alone. I spent three months living and working in Chicago and another three months with the Coast Guard in the Oakland area. I had a lot of alone time in wicked cities where I knew almost no one else. I easily could have fallen into sin and nobody would have known. I had to commit myself to use that time to seek the Lord. It was a lonely time, but I look back on it favorably because it was a time of growth in the Lord. They fill every moment with noise from the radio or TV. They feel a need to be around people constantly. Let me make four practical suggestions in this regard: Remember, reading is a learned skill. Perhaps you should begin by taking a reading course at the library or by reading a book on how to read better. But once you learn to read, it opens up treasures from the greatest Christians of all time. Nothing has helped my spiritual life more than reading. What should you read? First and foremost, read your Bible! Read it over and over again, cover to cover. The godly George Muller read his Bible over times. He read through his Hebrew Old Testament seven times! Read prayerfully, asking God to reveal Himself and to show you your own heart, with a view to obedience. Also, read Christian classics. Go to authors who are solid theologically, who have a heart of devotion for God. Become a reader and your heart after God will grow! Use alone time to commune with God. I keep a prayer list, but I figure that God can read my list. I try to learn to commune with Him in prayer. Our public worship on Sundays should be an overflow of our private worship. Learn to adore God and marvel at His love in your time alone with Him. Express yourself by singing you might have to be really alone to do this! We forget sometimes that the Psalms were not just poems, they were put to music. God seeks those who worship Him. Learn to evaluate life in light of His Word. It was part of his apprenticeship for leading the nation Ps. He took his job seriously. But, when it did, David served well in this more important task 1 Sam. Then came war with the Philistines. But where was David? David easily could have returned insult for insult:

**Chapter 3 : Bible Examples of How to Have a Heart After God!**

*By relating to David's triumph and tragedy, his agony and ecstasy, students can reflect upon and personally examine their own attitudes, motivations, actions, character and heart. They'll come away knowing that we can always find comfort and forgiveness in God's arms regardless of our failures or successes.*

Examples From Scripture King David is our best example of one who took an active role in directing his heart toward God: And why are you disturbed within me? Notice how he spoke to his fears by talking to himself and reassuring his heart to trust God. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken. On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God" Psa. You may be one who has loved God strongly in the past. But unless you take an active role in directing your heart toward God, earthly dependencies increase. Eventually, the flame of your love for God dies down to a slow burn. It is too easy to turn and quench our thirsty desires by depending on anything and everything except God. Not so with David. He took an assertive and determined role in how he was going to quench His thirst. He directed his heart toward God. He was able to quench his thirst for God because David made the Lord his strength, his glory, his refuge, his first love. He also said, "Whom have I in heaven but You? And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my heart may fail, But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever" Psa. David directed his heart toward God by strongly reassuring himself that God was his salvation, his hope, his strength, his refuge—and not other things. By strong declaration David reminded his heart that it was God that he wanted—not the ways of this world. He continually steered the affections and intentions of his heart to depend on God. David said, "My soul will make its boast in the Lord Directing your heart toward God requires that you involve your whole being in the process of getting your heart to hear. David reassured his heart with truth about God. He told himself and God, "Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, You are very great; You are clothed with splendor and majesty, Covering Yourself with light as with a cloak, Stretching out heaven like a tent curtain" Psa. He reassured his heart about God, but at the same time, he was also directing his heart to "bless the Lord" and to "trust in Him. The pattern is clear. The Bible says, "Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God" 1 Sam. Then he made a declarative statement intended to direct his heart toward greater dependence on God, "But as for me Directing his heart toward God was not a vague thing for David. His experience of God was very much connected to real life. He also said, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread Though a host encamp against me, My heart will not fear; Though war arise against me, In spite of this I shall be confident. He addressed them directly by turning his heart to trust God. When David says he made the Lord his refuge, his fortress, or his shield he not directing his heart to trust a God who was distant. In order to calm his fears he had to believe that God was close. In doing so, God was close. That is just how it works, " David was continually directing his heart to trust the presence of God with him, "Let Your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us, According as we have hoped in You" Psa. Repentance requires that we turn to God—we have to turn our heart to trust His nearness. But repentance also requires that we have to turn away from our earthly ways. In the example below, it may be that David was directing his heart to stay turned to God and not turn back to trusting his earthly ways: For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me" Psa. New Testament teaching about repentance has taught me to start by making the statement about what I will not depend on. Then after that I follow it up by making a declaration about why I can and should turn to God. Direct your heart to believe and love the closeness of God. When David said that his soul was thirsty for God he did not settle for just being thirsty. Elsewhere I have explained why I believe that David was talking about the spiritual sanctuary of God. It was with eyes of faith that he was able to "see" the power and glory of his God. Immediately following the passage where David said, "The Lord is my light and my salvation" he talked about being in the secret place with God. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord And to meditate in His temple. For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle; In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock. It quenched his

desire for God to believe he was in the heavenly sanctuary before the Lord. It also says, "They drink their fill of the abundance of Your house; And You give them to drink of the river of Your delights. For with You is the fountain of life The reason standing before the Lord is so filling is because our God is a fountain who radiates His holiness, love, power, and glory. It is the people who trust the presence of God as their refuge whom God allows to draw near to Him and drink, "How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings. They drink their fill The reason you can drink from the fountain of God is because when you draw near to Him, He draws near to you James 4: It also says, "They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces will never be ashamed" Psa. They were radiant because of the radiance of God upon them when they trusted they were before the Lord. You can experience God in a way that is similar to King David. Doing so is available to anyone who will address their fears by reassure their heart so that they can turn to God"without holding back. The road ahead of you may seem dark and lonely, but that is why you need to reassure yourself with the truth about what is available to you. Follow the examples given in scripture. Get more involved in doing your part to help yourself to grow. It all boils down to softening your heart so you can hear. You can direct your heart away from earthly dependencies and toward God. C Barry Hall Information on this site may be used for personal or for instructional purposes. If a page is distributed for instructional purposes, the web address must be included. Printed quotes must include the authors name and the web address. Quotes for use in publications intended for resale need the written permission of the author. Bold emphasis in the scriptures quoted here has been added by the author of this site.

**Chapter 4 : Chasing After the Heart of God - FaithGateway**

*In stating that David is a man after God's own heart never equated David with God. He was still human, hence a man after God's own heart. In going through the life of David one sees, in the midst of his human weaknesses, characteristics that are acceptable to God.*

So said God of King David of ancient Israel! What a positive evaluation! Of all the people who have lived, God has given David a special place in His heart. Have you stopped to consider why God felt this way about him? Would God be able to say that you are a man or woman after His own heart? Saul had preceded David as king, and utterly failed by disobeying God I Sam. God decided to replace Saul with someone else as king, and God used a different method of selecting the next king than humans would have used. Active faith Even though he was but a young man when initially anointed to be king, David had already exhibited tremendous strength, wisdom and talent. He was known as a shrewd fighter. He was physically fit and poised, and an accomplished musician I Sam. Perhaps no Bible story is more popular than the example of David and Goliath. Here was the teenaged David "perhaps short, freckle-faced and lanky" who decided to go against the champion of the enemy army "a man-crushing warrior who stood more than 9 feet tall and whose armor alone weighed nearly pounds! Goliath had taunted the Israelites for some time, challenging them to provide an opponent for him. David walked by faith, not sight, and he knew God could use him to defeat this enemy of His chosen people I Sam. Without a trace of fear, and with no armor or battle garb, David stepped forward with his slingshot and "whap! David was close to God. He listened to God and believed that nothing could stand against the power of God. He had complete faith to overcome any seemingly insurmountable obstacle. Still, David maintained regular contact with God and rightly gave God full credit for the victory. We today should have this same attribute of character. If we believe God, diligently study His Word, remain in prayerful contact with Him and follow as God leads through His Church, we can have the same kind of faith David exhibited. He knew God had blessed him, and he felt undeserving. Eventually, when David did become king, God made far-reaching promises to him, including the establishment of a perpetual throne, which Saul failed to qualify for. Yet David continued to reflect godly humility: And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? He served God in humility, with the mind of Christ, with the attitude described in Philippians 2: God had begun to work through King Saul as His ruler over the people. Demon-influenced Saul, crazed with envy, tried to kill David at every opportunity. Even though David served him totally and refused to fight back, Saul persisted. David had a deep, abiding respect for whomever God had established over him, even if that person in authority were a murderous maniac. David felt guilty, and repented bitterly verse 6. All this, while Saul was on a mission to murder David! David understood the lesson Saul missed: Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king" I Sam. God allowed this test to continue for David for many years after he was anointed to replace Saul. Would you have passed his test? David had to wait years after his anointing before he became king! He had countless physical and spiritual trials. Only after much strife did God give him the kingdom of Israel. In waiting on God, David endured in spite of circumstances. Paul explains this attitude as it applies in the lives of true Christians: Faith and patience are often mentioned together in the Bible. You cannot have patience without faith. Faith is belief in God backed up with active obedience Jas. Patience is the serene attitude that allows you to wait on God in adverse circumstances. Patience is developed through trials like those David experienced: David knew that God would fulfill His plan for him if he patiently endured Heb. Are you patiently enduring? David always exhibited an unfeigned, wholehearted, enthusiastic devotion to God. When David served, he served all the way, in whatever was needed. He was a continual inspiration to others. After retrieving the ark of the covenant from enemy armies, King David was more excited than anyone else. He dropped any courtly reserve and danced for joy in the streets of Jerusalem II Sam. David gave himself completely to the way of God. What about us today? God tells us to develop this same kind of wholeheartedness through drawing near to him and exhorting one another Heb. We must not draw back or allow others to hold us back. We must give God our total involvement, as David did. God was pleased with him. From his youth, David behaved "wisely in all his

ways" I Sam. He feared God and set his heart and attitude to obey Him. Do you lack spiritual wisdom? God tells us to ask, in total faith, for wisdom, and He will give it in abundance Jas. Real repentance This last spiritual characteristic David had is the most important. David practiced real repentance. David was not perfect. Like all of us, he occasionally stumbled. But when he saw his mistakes, he always admitted he was wrong and sought God with all his heart, to go the right way. After his adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband Uriah, for example, David totally repented before God. He knew he had not just committed sin. He, as a person, was wrong through and through. He repented not only of what he did, but of what he was. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your generous Spirit" Ps. He wanted with all his heart to continue to be used by God, to be on the right track spiritually verses David knew God had to clean him up in order to use him. He wanted with all his heart to help others know and obey God. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart " these, O God, You will not despise" verses David was completely broken in this attitude of deep repentance. His self was shattered. And he knew that God required this contrition for his own good. He only remembers the character David developed. That is why He describes David as a man after His own heart. If David had not admitted his sins and changed, God could not have said that about him. The analysis of David in Acts What will God say about you?

**Chapter 5 : 79 Bible verses about Seeking God**

*Based on the Beth Moore study, A Heart Like His, this interactive and engaging youth resource provides a real-life account of David's life in a way that allows students (grades ) to discover God's heart and the relationship He desires to have with His children.*

The classic examples are illustrated from the lives of the patriarchs and the people of ancient Israel. God called Abraham and promised him a son. Isaac was blessed with a good wife and plenty of riches. Jacob had plenty of riches too. Israelites complained for food, and manna came from heaven. They wanted meat and God miraculously provided them with quails. When they were thirsting, God provided water from the rock. Interestingly, when the miracles were over the Israelites forgot their God and in fact worshiped a golden calf. People came to Jesus to be healed of their infirmities. The same people, who hailed Jesus as the Son of David, soon denounced him as a blasphemer and condemned him to death. People forgot favors and healings. Miracles alone do not change people. If miracles alone could save people, then why is it that only one leper out of the ten lepers was made whole? Remember, ten lepers were physically healed, but only one leper returned to worship God and hence was made whole. Made whole means his body, mind and soul were healed. We are seeing miracles of healing around us, but does it guarantee eternal life? Miracles are only gifts from the hand of God for those who seek the hand of God. We seek the hand of somebody to receive a gift. We associate the gift-giver with the gift and then forget about him. We will miss the whole message of repentance, death to self, resurrection and eternal life with Jesus if we seek Jesus only for a miracle. They are the people who search the hand of God. The people who seek the face of God seek Jesus for the sake of seeking him and not for temporal gifts. They have a deep relation with Jesus. They will seek Jesus irrespective of their situation. They will give up their jobs, their lands, their investments, their pride and the praises of men for the kingdom of God. They will consecrate their life for God. Old Testament talks about those who seek the face of God. Moses sought the face of God. He asked God to show his glory. Moses waited for centuries before he saw the face of God on Mount Tabor. God showed his glory to Moses after hiding him behind a rock on Mount Sinai, but did not show his face. Now we see him imperfectly as if from a mirror, but later we will see him face to face in Heaven. Jesus said in his beatitudes that the pure in heart will see God. God calls us to see his face, but many shy away from God. We have to die to our flesh before we can see his face. It will cost us something before we see the face of God. Mary Magdalene saw the face of the crucified Jesus and the body of Jesus in the tomb. Disciples who saw the miracles of Jesus fled for their life when Jesus was crucified. Mary Magdalene was searching the face of Jesus and not his hand and therefore she stood at the foot of the cross and outside the sepulcher of Jesus. She is therefore called the apostle to apostles. Genuine people search the face of God. They will see Jesus in the midst of persecution, unemployment, poverty, humiliation and even sickness. They are the people who seek the face of God. Seeking the Heart of God The final level is in searching the heart of Jesus. This is the highest level attained by great saints. The hearts of these people are intertwined to the sacred heart of Jesus. Jesus lives in them and they live in Jesus. It is the extreme act of love that intertwines two hearts and makes them one. David with all his failures was still a man after the heart of God. Mary the mother of God is the perfect example of someone seeking the heart of God. Mary conceived Jesus, nourished Jesus and suffered with Jesus. Mary knew the heart of her son. The son knew the heart of his mother. Their love was such that they lived for each other. Jesus has given the flesh of his heart for us to eat. We consume him in the sacrament of Holy Communion. He abides in us. No body has ever loved God more than Mary. Mary is the perfect model for every one who seeks the heart of Jesus. Saints are people who seek the heart of Jesus.

**Chapter 6 : Seek The Hand, Face And Heart of God**

*Study of David's "which is the basis for David: Seeking God's Heart" grew from her burning desire that believers experience greater intimacy with God. Beth loves the Lord, loves to laugh, and loves to be with His people.*

After chasing everything the world has to offer, nothing is more satisfying than God. What Do We Chase? Tell me how to please God. There are days my mind and heart race anxiously at the thought I may be terribly off track in that sincere pursuit. Most days I want to please God. I believe He is real and I believe a day is coming when I will face Him. I want, more than any other thing, for that day to go rather spectacularly. One of the great fears of my life is that I would get to the end of my life and realize I lived for the wrong things. But there are also the days I forget that all the invisible stuff is real, and pleasing God is far from my thoughts and I just chase whatever I want, whatever seems to feel right in the moment. I seek happiness through friends or food or my kids or the approval of people or wasting minutes on Facebook or catching up on shows on Hulu. There are unending distractions to chase. And then there are the days when I am not chasing meaningless distractions, I am flat-out running from God, arms full of sin. This study is a story about our God using a man who not only questioned Him but also sinned so atrociously most presentday Christians would avoid him. Yet David at the same time unmistakably possessed the favor of God and chased after His heart in a way that pleased Him. David was not remarkable apart from God. God moved around him and through him in the most powerful stories. But something about the way David saw God transformed the way he lived. He saw God differently than everyone else around him. He loved God and he lived like he loved God. We are going to study the qualities David possessed as a result of what he believed about his God. What Pleases the Heart of God? David began as a shepherd boy and became a king. We observe that David dealt more intimately with God, the Father, than any other person did in Scripture, except for Jesus Christ. What Is the Heart? Throughout Scripture God seems to care more about the state of this unseen place in us, our hearts, rather than what everybody else can see in our behavior. While we judge each other by what we can see, God looks deep inside of us to see what nobody else sees. This is the place in us that holds what we love most. This is the place that actually defines who we are. Whether we acknowledge it or not, our lives are motivated by our hearts. So what we love determines how we live. Honest My son, Conner, came home from fifth grade one day and told me his teacher was teaching him to pray like David. So just take a minute and pray before you move ahead. Ask God to give you insight to narrow down how you are doing right now. Bible Study Questions When your heart moves fast, what are you excited about? When you feel disappointed or sad, what is it usually about? When you feel content and most happy, what is it usually about? What are the things you think about most? For God to be pleased with you, what do you think you should be chasing? Answer as if He is one of your friends and you are telling someone about Him. What is your heart chasing most? If today you are just realizing your heart may be offtrack, remember that God has known it well before today. And He is deeply pleased if you recognize it too. I pray these weeks would redefine the way you view God. I pray this time draws you into the most passionate relationship with your Creator. He is so ready to engage our souls. Come share your answers with us on our blog!

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*be Spirit-filled, spend time alone with God, and be obedient in small things.*

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