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"You're a great warrior, Anakin, but your need to prove yourself is your undoing. Until you overcome it, a Padawan you will still be."

--Kenobi



Acts 13: God 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.'

I Samuel 13: 14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people...



#### 1 Samuel 13:14

(1) Context of Saul's rejection of God's commands.

Samuel 13: 13 "You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. 14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

#### 1 Samuel 13:14

(2) David is only a child.

I Samuel 16: 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

# Having a heart after God's own has nothing to do with your accomplishments.



Ruth 1: 16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me."

# Ruth had a heart after God's own because she lived in covenant faithfulness to the one true God.



- Psalm 16: 2 I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."
- 4 Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
  - I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.
- 8 I have set the Lord continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

# The heart after God's own acknowledges Yahweh alone is God.



## Idolatry doesn't require us to abandon God.

It only asks for a small percentage of trust in other things.

## Faithlessness, not sinfulness, opens the door to idolatry.



### David showed a heart after God's own...

(1) In his daily living.

Psalm 46: 10 "Be still, and know that I am God..."



### David showed a heart after God's own...

(2) In the way he loved God's law.

Psalm 119: 2 Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart.

: 47 I delight in your commands because I love them.



### David showed a heart after God's own...

(3) In his dealings with his enemies.

Samuel 17: 34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, l seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."



### David showed a heart after God's own...

(4) In how he dealt with his own sin.

#### Psalm 51: 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;







## Our hearts always grow to the size of the container we put it in.

Don't settle for the container of idolatry.



