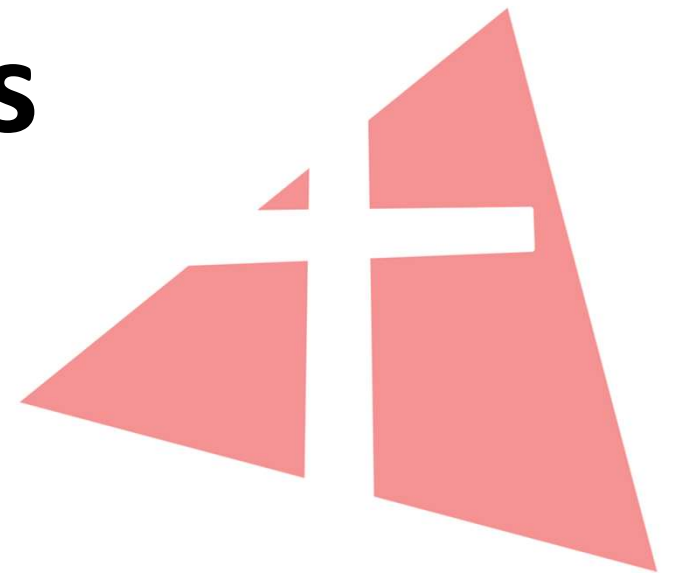


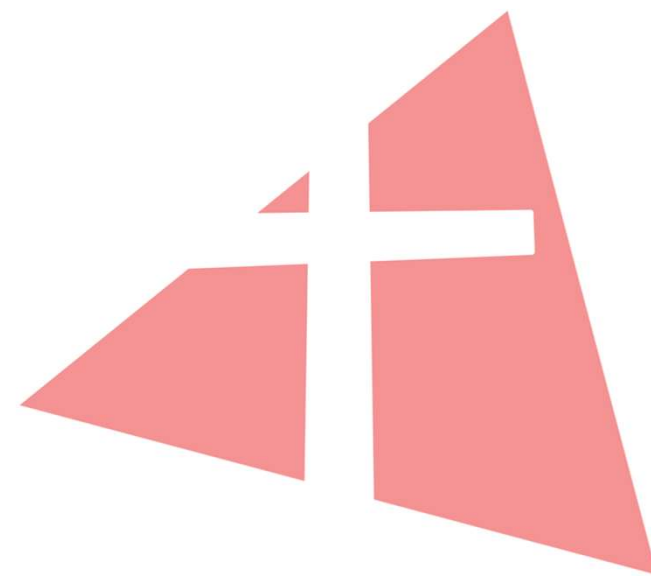
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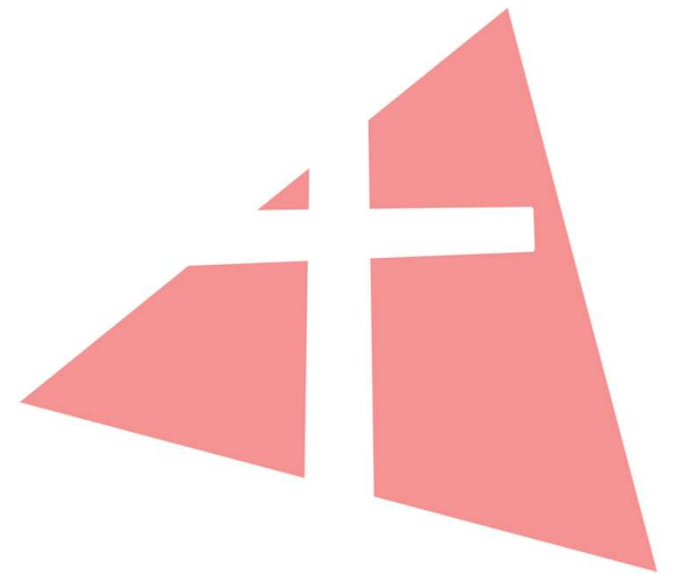
Last Week

- God gives Rest



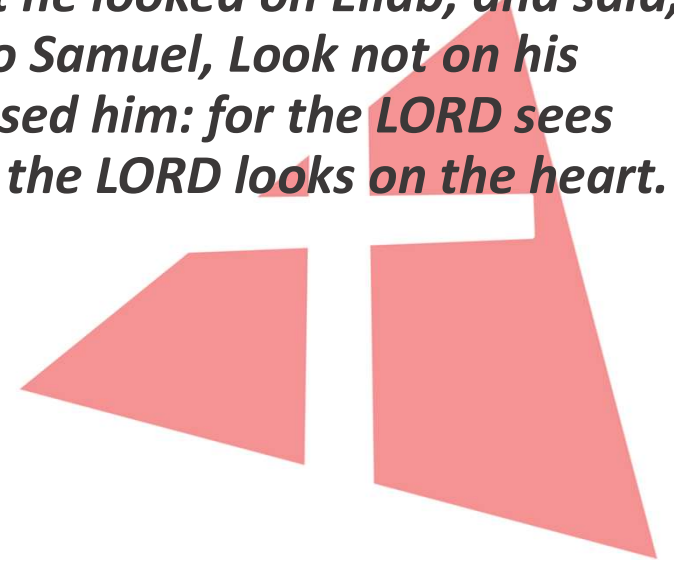
Today's Focus

- **God looks at our hearts**



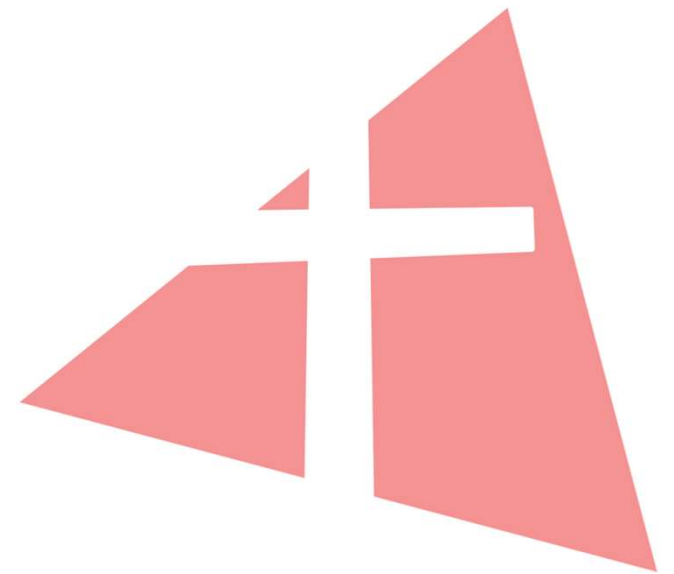
The Story of David

1 Samuel 16:6-7 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him. But 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 sees not as man sees; for man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.



Saul and David

- Saul brought a few cows home that he was not supposed to
- David committed murder and adultery



Saul

1 Samuel 15:3 Now go and strike Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.

1 Samuel 15:8-9 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but everything that was despised and worthless, that they destroyed utterly.



David

2 Samuel 11:4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.



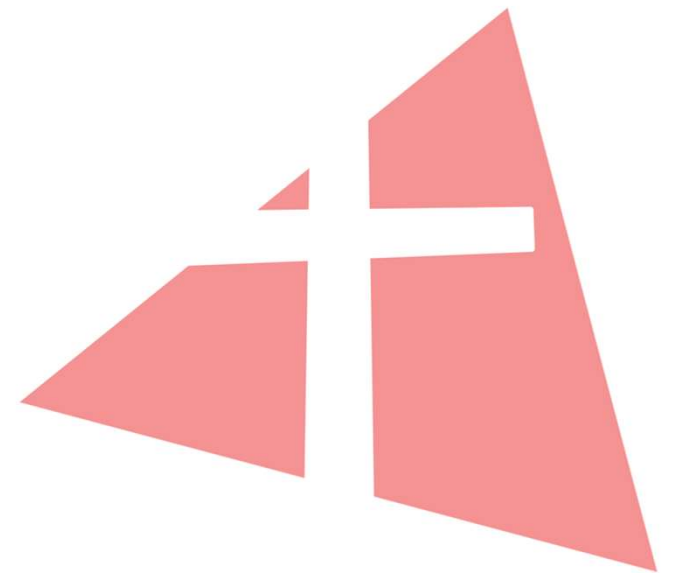
Saul and David

○ From the outside

- Saul was a relatively good guy
- David was a horrible person

○ God's judgement

- Saul was rejected as king
- David was a man after God's own heart



Saul

- Saul was proud

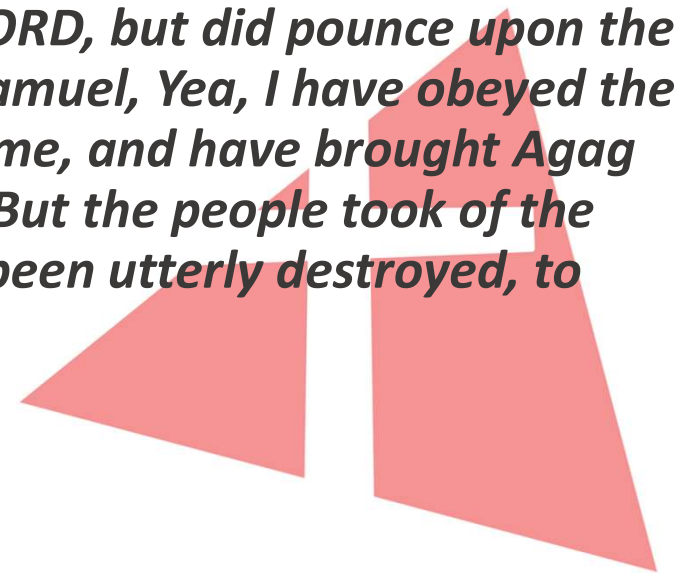
1 Samuel 15:12 And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a place, and has gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal.



Saul

- Saul blames others instead of taking responsibility

1 Samuel 15:19-21 Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, but did pounce upon the spoil, and did evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD your God in Gilgal.



Saul

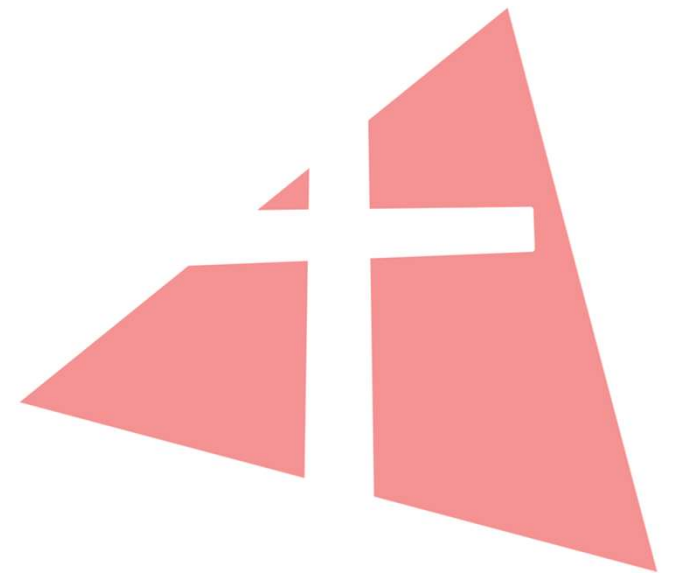
- Saul primarily cared about “how people saw him”

1 Samuel 15:30 Then he said, I have sinned: yet honor me now, I pray you, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD your God.



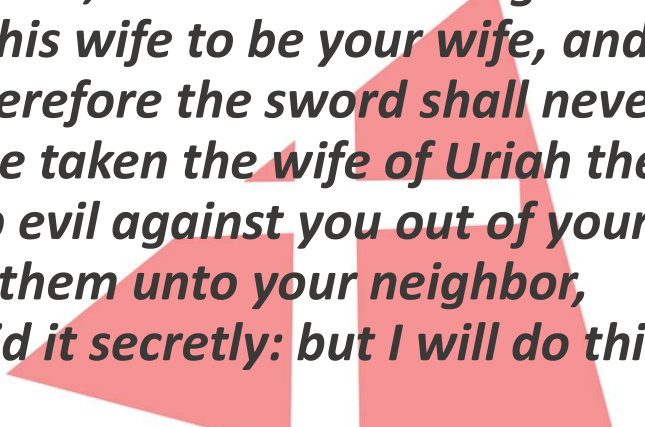
Saul

- **Pride**
- **Deflection**
- **Blaming others**
- **Justifying sin**
- **Twisting Truth**
- **Blaming**
- **Wanting to “just move on”, not dealing with sin**
- **Doing right things with the wrong motives**



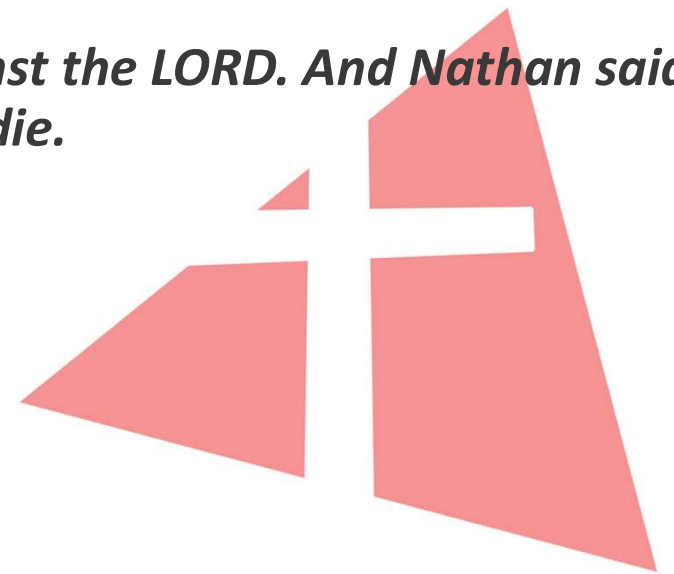
David

2 Samuel 12:7-12 And Nathan said to David, You are the man. Thus says the LORD God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul; And I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto you more things. Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? you have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house; because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them unto your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.



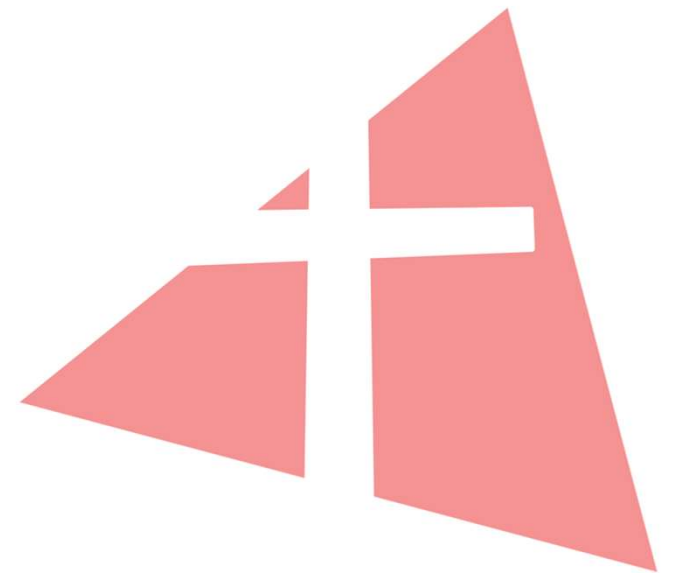
David

2 Samuel 12:13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.



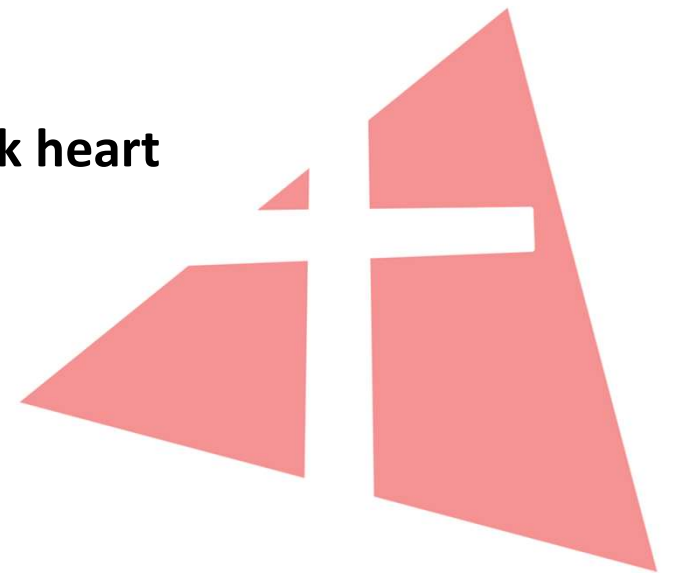
David's Heart

- **David cared about God and His relationship with God**
- **David did not care about**
 - How people saw him
 - His pride or ego
- **David did not try to cover up his sin in any way**



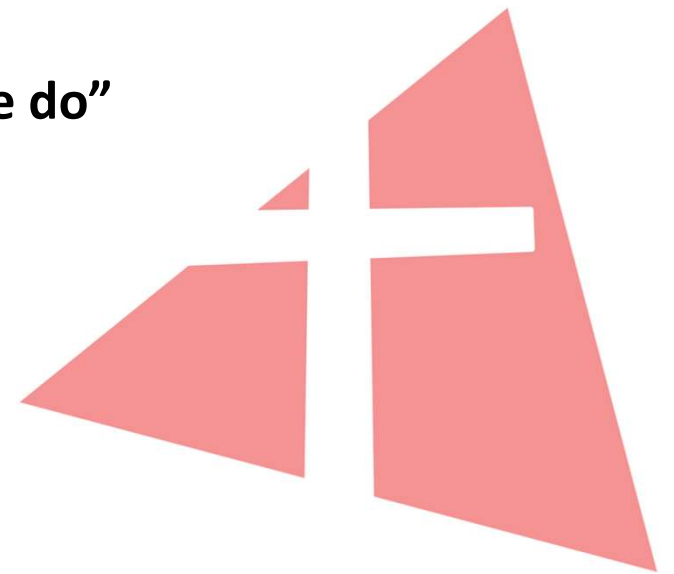
David and Saul

- David had a lot of weaknesses, but a good heart
- Saul was a very strong man on the outside, but had a very dark heart



Application

- **God cares more about our heart attitude than about “what we do”**



Application

- We can't ignore what our actions say about our hearts

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?



Application

- **Our response to “our sin getting exposed” is often one of the clearest revelations of “what is truly in our hearts”**



In Conclusion

- Let's allow God to examine our hearts
- Let's ask God what our actions say about our hearts

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.





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