

THE HEART OF DAVID

2 Samuel

Introduction:

- David is called “**a man after God's own heart**”—yet he committed devastating sins.
- David committed adultery and arranged a murder.
- What is the true measure of David's heart?

Receiving Forgiveness: A Contrite Spirit

The Confrontation: 2 Samuel 12

The Confession: *"I have sinned against the Lord".*

The Cleansing: David poured out a plea for a clean heart and a renewed spirit (Psalm 51).

The Consequences: Sins that have been forgiven can still carry earthly consequences.

Extending Forgiveness: Refusing Revenge

The Rebellious: 2 Samuel 16 and 19

The Restraint: David's soldiers want to execute Shimei on the spot, but David stops them.

The Response: David chooses to forgive.

The Resolve: A forgiving heart lets go of the right to retaliate.

Conclusion: Reflecting the Father's Heart

- David's life points forward to the ultimate mercy found in Jesus Christ.
- A heart that has been forgiven by God must keep a tender, ready posture to forgive others, refusing to let bitterness take root.

**“For if you forgive men their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive
you. But if you do not forgive men their
trespasses, neither will your Father
forgive your trespasses.”**

- Matthew 6:14-15

“So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

- Matthew 18:35

**Do we have a
heart for God?**

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