

“The Danger Of Not Dealing With Our Hearts”

1 Samuel 18:17-30

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Psalm 139:23-24). “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12).

“For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person” (Mark 7:21-23). “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9).

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil...Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.” (Ephesians 4:25-29)

- “Only be valiant for me and fight the LORD’s battles.”: (1 Samuel 18:17-19)
 - It is very easy to cover up sin in our heart by “spiritualizing” things. *“This people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me.” (Matthew 15:8)*
 - We see an amazing humility in David’s life. David does not feel worthy of God’s blessings (2 Samuel 7:18) and he does not feel worthy of Saul’s blessings (1 Samuel 18:18). *“But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God” (1 Peter 2:20b).*
- “Now Saul’s daughter Michal loved David.”: (1 Samuel 18:20-23)
 - Saul is using his daughters as pawns to accomplish his will. Instead of loving them and protecting them, he is only trying to love and protect himself. *“When a man’s folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the LORD” (Proverbs 19:3). “Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses” (Proverbs 10:12).*
 - David has been given the royal garments of Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:3) and has been offered the king’s daughter for his wife (1 Samuel 18:22). *“The reward for humility and fear of the LORD is riches and honor and life” (Proverbs 22:4; cf. 1 Samuel 18:23).*
- “Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.”: (1 Samuel 18:24-30)
 - When we are trying to use the enemies of God as our allies, this is clear evidence that our heart is wicked. Every time that Saul’s plans fall through it is an opportunity for Saul to repent. *“...not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.” (Romans 2:4b-5)*
 - David is showing his appreciation and honor by doing twice as much as Saul had asked him to do. This kind of humility, godliness, and kindness scared Saul, leading him to hatred for David. David should have been highly esteemed by Saul, but instead he was evil towards him. *“For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice” (James 3:16). “Wrath is cruel, anger is overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy?” (Proverbs 27:4). “If anyone returns evil for good, evil will not depart from his house” (Proverbs 17:13).*

*“But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My word.”
(Isaiah 66:2b)*

Announcements:

★**CLEANING MINISTRY:** With the move into the new building comes a new opportunity to serve! It will be our responsibility as a church body to clean and maintain the building, so we are looking for volunteers to help with that! There is a sign-up list in the back, please sign up if you are interested in helping with this ministry! Please see Krystal if you have any questions. We will be having a meeting in 2 weeks, on Sunday, November 20th, for those who are interested in serving in this ministry.

★**FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner THIS Sunday, November 13th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list in the back, please sign-up to bring something for the dinner. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

★**FRIENDSGIVING:** Our annual Friendsgiving Dinner will be on Wednesday, November 23rd, at 6:30pm, here at the church! There is a sign-up list in the back, please sign-up to bring something to this dinner and we invite EVERYONE to join us for this!