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After God's Heart Part 2—Take the Power Back
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

(Review) A heart after God is defined by these three things:

1. **Complete trust and dependence on God**
2. **A heart of worship**
3. **A heart that always returns to God**

[1 Samuel 16:13-14, NIV]

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

[1 Samuel 16:14, ESV]

Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him.

[Acts 23:14, ESV]

14 They went to the chief priests and elders and said, "We have strictly bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food till we have killed Paul."

BIBLICAL DISCLAIMERS (from 1 Samuel 16)—

- 1) The Holy Spirit will never leave you.

[John 14:16-17, NIV]

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

2) God is not the author of evil

[1 John 1:15, ESV]

...God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

[James 1:13, NLT]

...God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.

[1 Corinthians 14:33, ESV]

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

The devil's version of things is only a corrupt version of the original creation.

[1 Samuel 16: 15-16, 19, 23, NIV]

15 Saul's attendants said to him, "See, an evil spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord command his servants here to search for someone who can play the lyre. He will play when the evil spirit from God comes on you, and you will feel better."

19 Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."

23 Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

God's not confused about His plan.

[Acts 3:19, ESV]

19 Repent therefore, and turn back (to God), that your sins may be blotted out, 20 that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

He is waiting to refresh us in His presence; we all need refreshing.

We have powerful remedy for every season of the soul in God's presence.

[Isaiah 40:31, ESV]

...But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Now, instead of looking *at* your situation, as you wait in the presence of God, you're elevated to His altitude to look *down upon* it, and *down the road past* it!

Get a change of strategy by getting a change of perspective from God.

(Hebrew) *zamar* = striking or plucking with the fingers; touching of the strings of a musical instrument; instrumental worship

- **Music is close to the heart of God.**
- **Music is a primary way in which He chooses to be praised.**
- **Music is also a primary way in which He chooses to reveal His presence to our intellect and our emotions.**

Worship Resources To Help You Change The Atmosphere:

Better Word (Live) - Leeland

Modern Hymns - David Andrew (*Instrumental*)

Moments: Mighty Sound - Bethel Music

Old Church Basement - Elevation Worship & Maverick City Music

Peace - Bethel Music

Pursuit - TFH Worship

Rivers & Robots Presents: Still, Vol. 1 (Instrumentals) - Rivers & Robots

The Blessing (Live) - Kari Jobe

FOR MONDAY—

1. Take a section in the Gospels and ask God to speak to you through someone's story. If any part needs more explanation, read another segment before and after.
2. Ask God for the anointing that shakes and breaks the yoke.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. When have you wrestled with something that just didn't make sense at first impression?
2. What are some things that you had to get qualified or certified to do?
3. Who, in your life, has stuck by you through the twists and turns of life and whose presence has been a difference-maker?
4. Why is it important to interpret Scripture when we hold it up to the larger body of the Bible?
5. When were you blindsided and had to take a choice to get a new perspective from God?
6. How has music impacted you and your health: mind, spirit, soul, and body? How have you experienced the redemptive power of God in music?
7. [1 Samuel 16:13] Why did the spirit of the Lord come and why? What was the purpose?
8. Why did the Holy Spirit leave Saul? Why won't HE leave you? What's the difference?
9. Why is it important to know that God is not the author of evil?
10. What keeps us from pursuing the heart of God?
11. What happens when we wait in God's presence? What keeps us from waiting?
12. How do you get elevated to where we can see God's perspective?