

PURSUING GOD'S HEART

The life of David



1 Samuel 16

What Grips Your Heart?

1. In the Grip of Grief

Grief in 1 Samuel

- chap. 1 – barren
- chap. 4 – ark captured
- chap. 15 – Saul rejected
- chap. 16 - Samuel

Grief turned to Joy

- chap. 3 – baby born
- chap. 6 – God is victorious

1. In the Grip of Grief

God does not leave his people in grief,
even if they have been there
for a long time.

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Samuel's grief was impeding
his pursuit of God.

2. In the Grip of Tradition

“... he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.”⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature...”

(1 Samuel 16:6-7)

2. In the Grip of Tradition

The change that matters most is the
change in my heart...
...a change in what I pursue.

3. God's Grip on My Heart

- Israel's greatest concern was external (appearances, wars, enemies)
- God's greatest concern is our heart

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