



Key References:

1 Samuel 13:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.”

Psalms 139:23–24 (ESV)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Jeremiah 17:9 (ESV)

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

2 Samuel 11:2 (ESV)

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king’s house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful.

Psalms 51:9–12 (ESV)

⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.
¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

1 – DAVID, A MAN AFTER MY HEART

Read 1 Samuel 13:13-14. From Sunday what do you remember about why the God sent the prophet Samuel to Saul in this scripture? Why did God want David over Saul?

Read Psalm 139. How does this Psalm reflect the heart of David which God was after?

2 – THE CYCLE OF A RENEWING HEART

Read Psalm 129:23-24. From this passage Andy pulled out five steps of God renewing our hearts, do you remember what they were?

#1 - Search me. How can we invite God to search us out? How is it possible to let others around us search within us too?

#2 - Know me. What does it mean to be known by God? How do we know that David knew God well based off this Psalm?

#3 - Test me & know my mind during this test. Why does God test his people? How does testing grow us? How has God tested you?

#4 - Find my flaws. What flaws has God identified and lead you out of in the past? Is there anything that God is work on you currently?

#5 - Lead me. How does this process lead to everlasting life? How can we be open to God’s leadership in this cycle?

Would you say that this cycle is happening in your life right now? If Jeremiah 17:9 is true when happens if this cycle stops?

3 – WHEN THE CYCLE STOPS

Read 2 Samuel 11:1–15. What stands out to you most from this text?

Read Psalm 51; David’s repentance from what happened. What stands out to you here?

How did God use David’s failure with Bathsheba to continue the cycle of renewal in David? How does this story show us that God never gives up on us?