

July 27, 2008 – SERMON SUMMARY

Join God Where He Is Working

King David was the greatest king that the nation of Israel ever had. The scripture tells us that the reason for this was because he was a man after God's Own Heart. But how does one become a man or woman after God's Own Heart? We see that God used every experience in David's life to build His character so that He would be the man that God intended. Whether good or bad, God worked in the midst of every situation so that David would be ready for the plans that God had for his life.

God grew David's faith and skill when David was forced to protect his sheep by killing a bear and a lion. God grew his compassion when he played music to calm the heart of King Saul. He grew his commitment to God's glory when he fought Goliath who was trying to publicly defame the God of Israel. God grew David's patience, mercy, and forgiveness when David was being unfairly hunted by a jealous king. God used many different situations to prepare him for what God had planned for his life.

The same principle applies to you and me. God is always working in our lives. But do we even see it? Romans 8:28 tells us that "God works all things for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." John 5:17 tells us that "My Father is always at his work."

Are you having financial difficulties? In the midst of these difficult times will you allow God to grow your patience and trust? Have you just had a new child? Will you allow God to make you more unselfish and loving than you have ever been? Do you have a very difficult boss at work? Will you allow God to grow your heart of forgiveness and self-control?

Life will bring good and bad to us all. Will we take the time to stop and see what He wants to grow in our lives? If we will join Him where He is working we will always become more like Christ, and God will never waste an opportunity to make us into a person after God's Own Heart.

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