

1 Samuel 13:14 (NIV) - "But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command."

God called David a man after His own heart. Why?

God's answer:

David had His heart on the matters in life that really matter.

The net result? God spoke to David often. God healed David often. God gave grace to David often.

I am convinced the grace of God that operated frequently in David's life released God's favor, not God's fury.

> Grace means God already loves you as much as an all-forgiving and holy God can possibly love.

Who has faced an oversized challenge and had to respond?

Goliath from Gath continues to haunt and taunt, not just the nation of Israel but those who sit in this Sanctuary today.

1 Samuel 17:16 (NIV) - For forty days the Philistine came forward every morning and evening and took his stand.

Your Goliath carries a sword, and he is looking to cut you with depression, unemployment, tragedy, addictions and sin.

David was skinny and scrawny, while Goliath was bulky and barbarian.

The times that David focused on God, giants fell. The times David didn't. DAVID FELL.

Focus on giants and you stumble. Focus on God and giants tumble.

I see only two statements made by David about Goliath:

- 1. One to Saul (1 Samuel 17:36)
- 2. One to Goliath (1 Samuel 17:26)

David had a heart after God because he barely gave Goliath the time of day. He gave God his full trust.



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