

A person wearing a grey hooded robe is kneeling in a field of tall grass, holding a long wooden staff. The scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of a sunset or sunrise, with a large tree on the left and a line of trees in the background. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

A Heart Like  
God's

Part 18: A Gracious Spirit



6 Moreover David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But *David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.*

1 Samuel 30:6–8

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7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, “Please bring me the ephod.” So Abiathar brought the ephod to David.



8 David inquired of the LORD, saying, “Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?”  
And He said to him, “Pursue, for you will surely overtake them, and you will surely rescue *all*.”



Carrying God's Heart  
means we don't assume we  
already know the will of  
God, but we inquire of  
the Lord in ALL  
circumstances.



Even the Scriptures  
cannot substitute for  
seeking His face.



9 So David went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the brook Besor, *where those left behind remained.*

1 Samuel 30:6–10

NASB95



10 But David pursued, he and four  
hundred men, for *two hundred who  
were too exhausted to cross the brook  
Besor remained behind.*



Carrying God's Heart  
enables us to **seek and**  
**receive new strength**  
even when we have become  
completely exhausted.



Often, God's comfort in  
our moments of despair  
is to give us grace to  
get up and fight.



God does not always  
speak to us to take action  
— sometimes it is harder  
to hear, "Stand Still."



16 When he had brought him down,  
behold, [*the Amalekites*] were spread over  
all the land, eating and drinking and  
dancing because of all the great spoil that  
they had taken from the land of the  
Philistines and from the land of Judah.

**1 Samuel 30:16–25**

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17 David slaughtered them from the twilight until the evening of the next day; and not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.



*18 So David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and rescued his two wives.*



19 But nothing of theirs was missing,  
whether small or great, sons or daughters,  
spoil or anything that they had taken for  
themselves; *David brought it all back.*



20 So David had captured all the sheep and the cattle *which the people* drove ahead of the *other* livestock, and *they* said, “*This is David’s spoil.*”



The only thing that is  
harder to handle than the  
rejection of men are the  
praises of men.

Guard your heart, for  
pride is lurking at the door.



21 When David came to the two hundred men who were too exhausted to follow David, who had also been left at the brook Besor, and they went out to meet David and to meet the people who were with him, then David approached the people and greeted them.

**1 Samuel 30:16–25**

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22 Then *all the wicked and worthless men* among those who went with David said, “*Because they did not go with us, we will not give them any of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead them away and depart.*”



23 Then David said, *“You must not do so, my brothers, with what the LORD has given us, who has kept us and delivered into our hand the band that came against us.*



24 “And who will listen to you in this matter? For as his share is who goes down to the battle, so shall his share be who stays by the baggage; they shall share alike.”



25 So it has been from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel to this day.



A symptom of a heart  
infected by pride is when  
we judge those whose  
faith has gotten weak  
because of life's hardships.



This means that we have  
forgotten that every good  
thing we have is a gift  
from God.



32 “Then summoning him, his lord  
\*said to him, ‘*You wicked slave*, I  
forgave you all that debt because  
you pleaded with me.

Matthew 18:32–33

NASB95



33 *‘Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?’*



It is a fiction to believe that  
because God used us to  
accomplish a great Kingdom  
victory that we could have  
done it without Him.



If we believe that our salvation, (or any benefits of it), are the result of anything other than the grace of God, **pride** has gained a foothold in our heart.



6 For *while we were still helpless*, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

**Romans 5:6**

NASB95



8 For by **grace** you have been saved  
through faith; *and that not of  
yourselves, it is the gift of God;*

Ephesians 2:8–9

NASB95



9 not as a result of works, *so that no*  
*one may boast.*



A gracious spirit  
understands that **freely**  
**we have received**, and so  
**we freely give.**



Who do you know that  
needs the help of a  
warrior whose faith is  
strong to recover what  
the enemy stole from  
him/her?