

## Acts Chapter 13 – David, a man after God's heart 08/24/2025 Reflection Questions

- 1. What does it actually mean to be "a man after God's own heart"? Is it about perfection, desire, obedience, or something else?
- 2. Why do you think God chose David, despite knowing about his potential weaknesses and failures?
- 3. In what ways did David's quickness to repent reveal his heart for God?
- 4. What's the difference between Saul's excuses and David's repentance?
- 5. How can we balance ambition, leadership, and success while keeping our hearts aligned with God's?
- 6. What lessons can we learn about the dangers of unresolved family conflict (e.g., Amnon and Tamar)?
- 7. How did Absalom win the hearts of the people, and what does this teach us about charisma vs. character?
- 8. How do we discern when someone's leadership appeal is genuine or manipulative?
- 9. What dangers do we face when we seek power or position outside of God's will?
- 10. How did David respond to betrayal by his own son? How do we respond when those closest to us turn against us?
- 11. How does this story show that God can still redeem even our failures?
- 12. Why do you think David commanded his men to "deal gently" with Absalom, despite the rebellion? What does this reveal about the tension between justice and mercy?
- 13. How should Christians balance firm discipline with compassion?