How big is your God?



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Introduction

What do I mean with the question?

- How does the wind affect your actions, who you partner with, your thoughts.
- O Something with great influence have a great impact on our thoughts, partnerships and action.

What governs your day.

- O Where are you & What do you do.
- O What are your thoughts regarding this?
- O Would partnering with God make a difference?





Different Spirit

Numbers 14:22-24 Not one of the men who have seen My glory and the signs I performed in Egypt and in the wilderness ...

None of those who have treated Me with contempt will see it. But because My servant Caleb has a different spirit and has followed Me **wholeheartedly**, I will bring him into the land he has entered, and his descendants will inherit it.



Follow Him wholeheartedly

Ex 35:30 See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel... And He has <u>filled</u> him with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability, and knowledge in all kinds of craftsmanship

Jos 3:15 Now the Jordan <u>overflows</u> its banks throughout the harvest season.

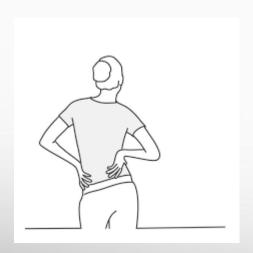
Ex 32:29 Afterward, Moses said, "Today <u>you have been</u> <u>ordained</u> for service to the LORD, since each man went against his son and his brother; so the LORD has bestowed a blessing on you this day."



Measuring rod (Heart, Hip, Head)

- 1. Are you transparent to what is going on in our **heart**? Freedom vs Reservation vs Withholding
- 2. With whom are we **partnering**? Whose business, Whose blessing, Whose boundaries
- 3. Who are we **imitating**?
 Generational, Admiration, Cultural









Heart Hip Head





David's Despondency

1 Sam 27-30 David 16 months of God silence



What was in his heart

15am. 27:1 Then David said in his heart, "Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any longer within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his hand." 2 So David arose and went over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maoch, king of Gath.



David's Despondency

Who was he partnering with

1Sam. 28:1 In those days the Philistines gathered their forces for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, "Understand that you and your men are to go out with me in the army." David said to Achish, "Very well, you shall know what your servant can do." And Achish said to David, "Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life.

Those with whom we partner; we get involved in their wars

David is speaking with a forked tongue





David's Despondency

Who did he imitate

1Sam. 27:11 And David would leave neither man nor woman alive to bring news to Gath, thinking, "lest they should tell about us and say, 'So David has done.

He believed that he would be safe from a natural enemy but he was aligning himself with the enemy of God's people and ultimately he became like them.

He manipulated the king and made political moves for his coming kingship outside the counsel and direction of God





Joseph's Reality

Gen 39 - Joseph was sold as a slave



What was in his heart

Gen 39:7-9 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How can I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?



Joseph's Reality

Who was he partnering with and Who did he imitate Gen 39:3-4 When his master saw that the Lord was with him and that the Lord gave him success in everything he did, Joseph found favour in his eyes and became his attendant. Potiphar put him in charge of his household, and he entrusted to his care everything he owned

The same happened in prison. Joseph did not partner with his titles of slave / prisoner.

Instead of being told what to do he took ownership. Instead of breaking rules he upheld them in prison.



Heart Hip Head





Present salvation(not past/not future)

1 Cor 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to <u>us who are being saved</u> it is the power of God.

We need continual reformation of our

Heart

Hip

Head

John 3:30 He must increase; I must decrease.



Ministry

How do we know? Let's use a bottom up. Let's look at our actions and see who's calling the shots.

Actions - Who are we imitating? What behaviors show a small trust in God.

Partnering - Who are we treating as lord? Who governs our actions? What battles are we involved with?

Heart - Do you share partial truths? What stops you from being transparent?





See you next week



