

The condition of your heart impacts how you hear and see and ultimately how you respond.

Who or what you allow to identify you will shape your heart.

Who or what you allow to have authority over you will shape your heart.

Who or what you allow to inform you will shape your heart.

Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. How did you hear God speaking to you in today's sermon?
2. What have been some of the ways you have heard this story in David's life explained previously? How might that understanding of this story shape a person's relationship with God?
3. In what ways do you let something other than being a child of God identify you? Why do you think we are willing to surrender our true identity for a lesser identity?
4. Who or what are you allowing to have authority over you? How does this shape your heart?
5. Who do you have in your life informing you in your decisions? Do they point you toward God or toward someone or something else?
6. How might God be calling you to step in and/or to respond to what you are hearing and seeing? If you haven't done so yet what is preventing you from doing so?
7. As you assess the condition of your heart, what are some of things that the Holy Spirit is calling your attention to? Are there things you need to surrender to Him?