

Developing a Heart for God

“For the eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”
(2 Chronicles 16:9, NASB)

- ❑ **Historical setting** (1 Samuel 8:1–9)

- ❑ **What kind of people does God look for?** (1 Samuel 13:13–14)

- ❑ **How do you develop a heart for God?**
 - **Don’t hold anything back** (2 Chronicles 16:9)

 - **Use solitude intentionally**

 - **Desire God’s glory above all** (1 Samuel 17:46-47)

 - **Look for where God is at work around you**
 - Psalm 8, 19, 29, 65 – Creation
 - Psalm 23 –God leads, cares, provides
 - Psalm 62 – Refuge in the storm
 - Psalm 139 – In awe of human life; God’s presence

 - **Surround yourself with the right friends**
 - Jonathan – a close friend to encourage us (1 Samuel 23:16)
 - Mighty men – people to help us accomplish our goals (2 Samuel 23:8-39)
 - Hushai the Archite – someone who watches our back (2 Samuel 15:32-37; 17:1-23)
 - Abigail – a person who prevents us from doing something rash we would regret (1 Samuel 25:18-31)
 - Nathan – someone who will tell us the truth (2 Samuel 12:1-15)