

B.P: A heart like God's is not *_discouraged_*

- I. *_Circumstances_ don't *_discourage_* H. of G.* I Sam 13:14; 16:6-7, 12-13;
I Sam 17:4-11
- A. *"_Big_" ones* I Sam 13:19-22;
Ps 27:1-3; 46:1-3, 10-11;
Neh 1:1-3; Esther 3:5;
Dan 1:1-6
- B. *_Personal_ problems* Gen 37:28ff;
II Cor 11:23b-28; 1:8
- II. *_People_ don't *_discourage_* them either*
- A. *The *_many_** I Sam 17:11; I Kings 18:2b-15
- B. *_Family_* I Sam 16:11; 17:28
- C. *_Leaders_* Esther 4:11
- D. *_Enemies_* I Sam 17:41-44; Eph 6:12, 16
- III. *They have a different *_focus_**
- A. *We can lose *_heart_* (*_courage_*),* Num 13:26-33; 14:9;
*when we focus on the *_giants_* (*_marbles_*)* II Cor 1:8-10
- B. *The *_gold-hearted_* focus on the *_Lord_** I Sam 17:47; Rom 5:3-4;
II Chron 16:16-26; 17:20-22

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

1. **Do you agree with the principle: "a heart like God's is not discouraged?" Why or why not?**
2. Sometimes our family, instead of being a source of encouragement, can be a source of discouragement. Have you experienced this in your life? How might you be a source of encouragement in your family?
3. If you are experiencing discouragement in your work environment (from managers, co-workers, etc.), how might you handle it righteously?

