**CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES** forSunday, August 20, 2017

**A TALE OF TWO HEARTS**

**Part 1**

**How to Grow a Hard Heart**

1 Samuel 9:1-31:13

**Above all else, guard your heart,  
    for everything you do flows from it.**

Proverbs 4:23 NIV

Every relational problem

is at root a heart problem.

**FOUR HEART TRUTHS**

**1. GOD SEES YOUR HEART**

**God would surely have known it,  
    for he knows the secrets of every heart.**

Psalm 44:21 NLT

**… the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts.**

1 Chronicles 28:9

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

**2. YOU SHAPE YOUR HEART AND THEN YOUR HEART SHAPES YOU:**

**Above all else, guard your heart,**

**for everything you do flows from it.**

Proverbs 4:23

**For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.**

Matthew 15:19

**3. YOU ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR YOUR HEART:**

*Other people are not accountable for your heart*

*God is not accountable for your heart.*

*Circumstances are not accountable for your heart.*

*Your parents are not accountable for your heart.*

**4. GOD IS SEARCHING FOR HEARTS:**

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth

to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.

2 Chronicles 16:9a

King Saul and King David had much in common . . .

* both were from well to do and influential families
* both were chosen by God directly to be kings of Israel
* both were anointed in a somewhat clandestine manner by Samuel the godly judge of Israel
* both were given by God great skills to lead as king
* both had the same national enemy during their reign . . . the Philistines
* they knew each other
* they were both looked down upon by others when the idea they would be king was presented
* both were highly regarded by the people for their leadership abilities at one point in their lives
* both knew the blessing of God in their leadership

BUT THEY WERE ALSO DIFFERENT MEN

WITH STRATEGICALLY DIFFERENT HEARTS.

**1 Samuel 9:1 – 31:13**

**Hard hearts differ from healthy hearts in this way . . .**

**hard hearts are all about serving self**

**while healthy hearts are all about serving God and others.**