

## A Man after God's own heart (Acts 13:16-23)

**"I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.(Acts 13:22) Who will be a man after God's heart?**

**David.** He loved God deeply. He was always filled with Love of God. The verse of Psalms 23, he confessed **"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing"** even though he was in a bad situation. How about us? We love God because He provide our needs? However, David just loved God without any condition. This is why God was pleased with David. No shake in love of God; continuous commitment in one's routine daily life. He lived for God's will (plan) **"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. (Acts 13:36).** David was recognized a man after God's heart because he lived by God's will in his whole life. We should live like it too then God will bless us. We should offer all things to God if it is in God's will. Neither business, work or marriage could be our purpose in life. Our most important goal should be God's Goal because our life is in God's plan. Live for glory of God means live according to purpose of God. We should live accordingly: listening to God's voice, like drums of marching, follow God's commandment - not living by our own thoughts.

**Apostle Paul.** Saul's name appeared as Paul from chapter nine in book of Acts. Saul (Big one) turned to Paul (the least one) **"I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)** All of us have a different calling from God. Paul was an outstanding apostle but called to spread the Gospel to gentiles. We could learn that Paul **gave up not eternal things for eternal thing.** After he met Jesus, he considered all knowledge of his own garbage and that the righteousness comes from God on the basis of faith. God gives to us the purpose. We will find out our own purpose when we meet Jesus because it shows us to do or not to do things with a purpose driven life in God. We should pursue goal for a eternal life. We would be not saved or not know God clearly if we pursue worldly things. Two things we should keep in mind. One, Life in this world is too short compared to and eternal life. Two, life in this world is just temporary. **"Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. (1 Peter 2:11) "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corint 4:18)** Purpose of life in God does not mean abundance in wealth. We could live well but set goal for eternal life and pursue it instead of this world. This is a true abundant life. **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith (2 Timothy 4:7)** We should keep the Faith until we finish the race in this world. If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall. **"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Roman 12: 11-12)**

**Jesus Christ** Jesus followed by purpose driven life from God thoroughly. Not to lose none of all those God has given to Him. **"For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. (John 6:38-39) "All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. (John 6:37) "who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, (1 timothy 2:4-5).**

God sent Jesus in this world to save all of us who was chosen by Him. No matter what, God will take care of us to be in heaven - even if we commit sin after faith in Jesus Christ. God will rebuke, scold and correct us. Nothing will separate us from love of God. **"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.(Romans 8:38-39)**

It is Grace of God. We could give thanks to God even in fear and suffering as long as we keep the grace of God. What is purpose in our life? What do we focus on? We could be one like who after God's own heart when we follow God's will. We should set clear goal to God like David, Apostle Saul