

The Heart Of The Matter: DNA #1

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Introduction:

- Joshua 5:13-15

Danger #1: Focus on good things, missing your first love (out of extreme balance).

Danger #2: Focus on externals without a heart relationship with Jesus. Mark 7:1-23

Driving Passion For Cloverdale Baptist Church In Our Longing To Bring Glory To God:

A Heart For God That Overflows To All Of Life:

1 Samuel 16:6-13

2 Chronicles 16:9

Revelation 2:1-7

1. The **D** _____ Of Jesus
 - Active Faith
 - Perseverance
 - No Tolerance For Wicked Men
2. The **N** _____: Missing Ingredient
3. The **A** _____ To The Need
 - REMEMBER
 - REPENT
 - REDO

Implications:

Memory Verse: *2 Chronicles 16:9*

Question: What was the toy you loved the most as a child?...or that you love now?

Call To Worship: Psalm 63

Why is it important that we clearly set out who God wants us to be as a church? What would the dangers of not doing this be?

What does Joshua 5:13-15 teach, and how does it impact us as a church?

Pastor Rob talked about two dangers as we seek to move forward as a church...talk about those dangers and then how we can avoid them as a church and as individuals.

- Diagram
- Mark 7:1-23

Our huge passion is that we would have a heart for God. In your own words what does it mean to have a heart for God?

- 1 Samuel 16:6-13...focus on 7
- 2 Chronicles 16:9

Read together Revelation 2:1-7...

This church was a delight to Jesus in their active faith, perseverance, and their non tolerance for wicked men...Where do you think we (Cloverdale Baptist Church) are a delight to God?

How are we doing as a church on these three positives?

This Church in Ephesus lacked a FIRST LOVE PASSION:

How would we notice this if we lack it in our lives?

Share together how the text says we can get this first love back, and together if you need to, take action on these things (verse 5).

What are ways as a church (remember you are the church) that we can keep our first love central to all we do and say?