

# Be Thou My Vision: A Church After God's Own Heart

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## 1 Samuel 13:14

But now your kingdom will not endure; **the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart** and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

One of the first words we learn as children is MINE!

We are born with this Instinctive and Relentless Pursuit of SELF.

To be a Church after God's own heart requires...

### 1. SEEKING GOD'S WILL OVER YOUR OWN

Opening line of Rick Warren's book (Purpose Driven Life)

"It's not about YOU!"

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## Luke 22:41-42 (Jesus is ultimate example)

41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet **not my will, but yours be done.**"

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### 2. FAITH NOT ABILITY

## 1 Samuel 17:45-46 (David & Goliath)

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but **I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty**, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head..."

## Hebrews 11:

1 Now **faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.**

2-12 (great Men & Women of the faith)

13 All these people were **still living by faith when they died.**

39 These were all commended for their faith, yet **none of them received what had been promised**

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### 3. INTIMACY WITH GOD

An intimate church requires intimate people.

How can we seek after God's own heart, if we don't spend time listening for His heart?

Many times it's through **struggles** in our life that we hear God the clearest.

## Proverbs 3:1-8

1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck,

write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 7 Do not be wise in your own

eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. 8 This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Song: The More I Seek You (Christ for the Nations)