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Heart of a pastor Madrid

I am a father of three grown up children. They all are married. Together they have 8 children. So I am a grandfather of three boys and five girls. Their ages vary from 2-14.
Last Friday I was having a granpa's day. I alone with seven of my grandchildren. I love children! (But. Donald Trump!)
Giving full focus on children - (natural and spiritual) learning a lesson!!!

What is it that you have in your heart?
As a pastor, what is birthing in your heart?
Is there a Joshua?
Is there a David?
Is there a Samuel?
Is there a Elisha?
Is there a John?
Is there a Timothy?
What is there in your house?

1. **Heart of a pastor is a father's heart -**
    1. A challenge for us! by Jesus!
    2. be like your Heavenly father Matt 5 …47And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even Gentiles do the same? 48**Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect.**

    - our heavenly Father as an example

    - **what does God say about himself? What is the core in our Father?**
    - Ex 34 God descended in the cloud and took up his position there beside him and called out the name, God. God passed in front of him and called out, "God, God, a 1)**God of mercy** and **grace**, 2)slow to anger, **endlessly patient** —3)aboundin in steadfast love and faithfulness **so much love**, 4)**so deeply true**—5)keeping steadfast love for thousands **loyal in love for a thousand generations**, 6)**forgiving iniquity,** r**ebellion, and sin.** Still, he doesn't ignore sin.
    - this statement reveals His heart

One man in the whole Bible having God's kind of heart
    - In the Old Testament there was one person whom it was said that was a man after God's own heart, Acts 13:22"After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: **'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart;** he will do everything I want him to do.'" 1. Sam 16:7 But God told Samuel, "Looks aren't everything. Don't be impressed with his looks and stature. I've already eliminated him. **God judges persons differently than humans do. Men and women look at the face;God looks into the heart.**"

What was David's heart like?

Ps 23 1-3 **God, my shepherd!**
I don't need a thing.

You have bedded me down in lush meadows,
you find me quiet pools to drink from.
True to your word,
you let me catch my breath
and send me in the right direction.
4 Even when the way goes through

1. OWNERSHIP, humility
- my life / time / possessions are not mine!

2. PROVISION
- God is my ultimate provider
- Good times and bad times

3. DIRECTION IN LIFE
- every Breath I take, every move I make - I will be watching you!

Death Valley,
I'm not afraid
when you walk at my side.
Your trusty shepherd's crook
makes me feel secure.
5 You serve me a six-course dinner
right in front of my enemies.
You revive my drooping head;
my cup brims with blessing.
6 Your beauty and love chase after me
every day of my life.
I'm back home in the house of God
for the rest of my life.

4. SECURITY

David's example is a great road map for how we are to live our life.

- Was David a perfect man? - no way. Did God see what was going to happen to David? Did he see that he ended up to be a murderer, a wife stealer? Yes I believe he knew that, WHY THEN DAVID???

What was a key in David's heart? He was quick to repent of his sin. Humility

God chooses imperfect people - like us!

Peter: Do you love me? (John 21:15-18) Do you really care? What is in your heart? You denied me three times. Do you still love me?

What is in your heart? Lord you know everything. You know me thoroughly. I don't even know myself. In difficult circumstances I do not know how I will behave. But Lord you know. I love you Lord.

Then take care, feed MY SHEEP!!! In spite of what you are lacking, it does not matter what has been in your past. the now and the future is in my hands.

John the beloved. Listening the heartbeat of Jesus. Writing down the intimate speeches of Jesus John 13-17 And then receiving the revelation of Jesus, writing the whole book of revelation….

As fathers what do we love to see? How about in our natural children or our grandchildren's lives? Or then in our churches? I thoroughly enjoy seeing our young adults thrive and succeed in the ministry. That is the fulfillment of my life. I can really rejoice what I see as a pastor.

How has that been possible? In the right time to find right people into the right positions. Giving the FULL authority to do the work of the ministry.

The levite principle Num 8:24-26

23Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 24"This is what applies to the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall enter to perform service in the work of the tent of meeting. 25"But at the age of fifty years they shall retire from service in the work and not work any more.…

23-26 God spoke to Moses: "These are your instructions regarding the Levites: At **the age of twenty-five they will join the workforce in the Tent of Meeting; at the age of fifty they must retire from the work.** They **can assist** their brothers in the tasks in the Tent of Meeting, but they **are not permitted to do the actual work themselves.** These are the ground rules for the work of the Levites."MSG

The passing on the baton. It the time