



Going Deeper: See the Heart

Do you remember when Samuel anointed David as the King of Israel? Samuel went to the house of Jesse and called on his oldest son, assuming he was the one God wanted to be king. But, he was not. God tells Samuel, "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. God does not see as a mortal, who sees the appearance. The LORD looks into the heart." Eventually, God makes it clear that David was the one to anoint, because David was a man after God's own heart. God sees the heart—deeper than appearance. God does something similar with Jesus, before Jesus had even begun healing people, raising them from the dead, and so forth. At Jesus' baptism, the Father says, "You are my beloved son. With you I am well pleased." Jesus is the New David.

Sometimes, in our homes, we get caught up in appearances. We put people in certain boxes or, because we know our family members so well, we don't allow their goodness to surprise us anymore. How can you see deeper? How can you see the heart of each member of your family? Ask God for help to do this and then work on being more affirming. Instead of nit-picking or complaining, offer a compliment, a word of gratitude, or a note of affirmation. See the heart!