



For the Broken

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1. David asked for a sign of God's favor. Have you ever asked God for a sign or confirmation in your life? How did that experience affect your faith?
2. How does understanding the heart of God as "good, forgiving, loving, and helpful" change the way you approach your own struggles and failures?
3. David sought closeness with God by asking Him to "bend down" and listen. What practical steps can you take in your daily life to seek that kind of intimacy with God?
4. David was a man after God's own heart, yet he still asked God to teach him His ways. How can we remain teachable and open to learning, even if we think we know God well?
5. Psalm 86 contrasts the one true God with pagan gods who cannot do anything like God. What modern-day "gods" or idols do you think people still rely on, and how do they compare to the God David describes?
6. What other observations come to mind from the lists describing the heart of God and the heart devoted to God?

The Heart of God

1. He lowers Himself to be near to us
2. He protects us
3. He is merciful to us
4. He is a source of happiness
5. He is good
6. He is forgiving
7. He is loving
8. He is helpful
9. He answers our requests
10. He is unlike the pagan gods
11. His name is holy
12. He performs wonderful deeds
13. He is the only real God
14. His ways are true
15. He is a rescuer
16. He is compassionate
17. He is merciful
18. He is slow to anger
19. He is faithful
20. He is a comforter

The Heart Devoted to God

1. Pursues God's presence
2. Pursues God's ear
3. Pursues God's help
4. Trusts God for protection
5. Serves God
6. Seeks God's mercy
7. Sees God as a source of happiness
8. Gives whole self to God
9. Trusts God's answer
10. Rejects other gods
11. Desires to learn God's ways
12. Wants to live in truth
13. Wants a pure heart
14. Wants to honor God
15. Praises God with whole heart
16. Gives glory to God's name
17. Sees God as a source of strength
18. Asks for God's deliverance
19. Seeks a sign of favor
20. Asks God for comfort