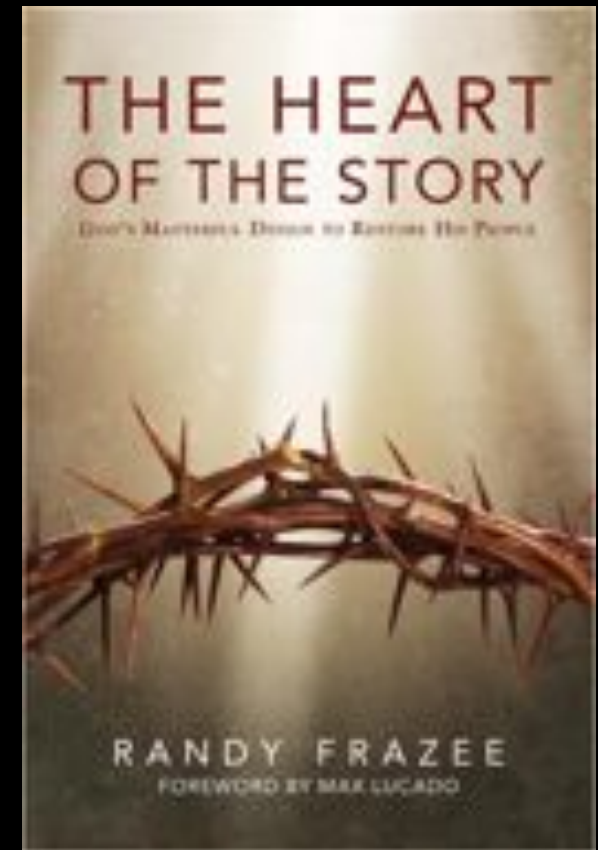


# The Heart of the Story

Chapter 11: Kings and Cowboys

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A legend...



# “A man after God’s own heart”

- *“Sometimes someone else has to tell us what we’re worth before we can realized it ourselves.” (p. 106)*



# Runt of the litter



# Anointed



# After God's Heart

- *“He wants our priorities to be his priorities, our allegiance to be completely to him.” (p. 107)*
- *“Saul was almost totally committed...Almost never works with God.” (p.p. 107-108)*

# Going "All In"



# Who goes all in?

- Our relationship with God is not dependant upon us pushing in all the chips and going “ALL IN”.
- It was God who went “ALL IN” for us.
- In Jesus, ALL the fullness of God came IN the flesh.
- Jesus goes “ALL IN” and “ALL THE WAY” to the cross to make a way for us to be IN heaven.

# Who goes all in?

- Only because Jesus went “ALL IN” are we even able to sit at the table and play.
- Jesus gives us the chips to play and calls us to use them to help others.
- We can go “ALL IN” because we are IN Christ.
- A Justification/Sanctification Issue

# David gives proper credit

- It is not because David is “ALL IN” but because the Spirit of God has come upon him with power.
- David does not boast in what he has done.
  - *“You come at me with sword and spears and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty.”* (p 109)

# God can use you!

- *“God often uses underdogs to advance his plan. He is not impressed with titles or rank or status but looks inside the heart to find people he can use.”* (p. 110)
- I might say it differently: God has called us all to advance his plan. He is not impressed with the titles we come up with but looks to us to be his hands and feet on earth finding those who do not know him.