

heart to HEART

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For the **Lord** does not
see as man **sees**;
for man looks at the
outward appearance,
but **the Lord looks**
at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

as believers we are always striving to understand what God wants us to do, say and, in some cases, be. When we are learning to live among one another, the hardest lesson for us all is to see each other the way God sees us. Yes, we are physical beings; we can't exactly get past the physical presence of each other because we use our five senses to understand the environment around us, which includes others. But in the spiritual world, we strive to see one another on a spiritual level.

Once, during a discussion, I was asked the question: "How do I get past seeing people as different from myself when I am trying to serve in the community as a Christian?"

I reflected on a story about David and Jonathan, son of Saul, specifically 1 Samuel 20:42: *May the Lord be between you and me, between your descendants and my descendants, forever.*

David and Jonathan were the two least likely people in the book of Samuel to become trusted allies. After all, David's surviving the wrath of Saul meant that Jonathan would never be King of Israel.

When the Lord is between you and me, it fosters our ability to understand one another on a spiritual level. Recognizing that God is with us — that God is part of, even partaking in, our conversation — we can communicate heart to heart.

David's heart was true to God, and his heart recognized the same truth in Jonathan's heart. David and Jonathan were speaking heart to heart. That is what God wants from us as His children. He gives us the ability to open our hearts to His truth in Word and Sacraments and to speak boldly without reservation to another. He wants us to love, serve, and live, always aware that He is all that should be between you and me. **Q**