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And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. —2 Corinthians 3:18

The apostle Paul referenced this spiritual principle: "But we all ... beholding as in a mirror the glory of Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory." As we behold the glory of the Lord we become transformed. This very basic principle is foundational to Paul's theology of heart transformation, and it's what made David a man after God's own heart. Simply stated, whatever we behold or understand about God's heart toward us—that's what we become in our hearts toward God. If we behold a mean and stingy God, we will become mean and stingy. But if we behold His glory, as Paul wrote, the Holy Spirit transforms us into something glorious. David was a student, a Rhodes scholar, a PhD of God's emotions. He was so consumed by this high endeavor that he made it his primary preoccupation "all the days of [his] life" (Ps. 27:4). As a result, he had more insight into the things that burn in God's heart than any other man in the Old Testament. He became different.

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Lord, I want to gaze unafraid into Your passionate heart and experience Your transformation from glory to glory. All I want is to be more like You!

David created his own category of intimacy with God because he dared to gaze, unafraid, at the passionate heart of God.