Heart of a Champion: Psalm 12

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Scripture

Help, Lord, for no one is faithful anymore; those who are loyal have vanished from the human race.

- 2 Everyone lies to their neighbor; they flatter with their lips but harbor deception in their hearts.
- 3 May the Lord silence all flattering lips and every boastful tongue—
- 4 those who say,
 - "By our tongues we will prevail; our own lips will defend us—who is lord over us?"
- 5 "Because the poor are plundered and the needy groan, I will now arise," says the Lord.
 - "I will protect them from those who malign them."
- 6 And the words of the Lord are flawless, like silver purified in a crucible, like gold refined seven times.
- 7 You, Lord, will keep the needy safe and will protect us forever from the wicked,
- 8 who freely strut about when what is vile is honored by the human race.

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Characteristics of a Champion

- 1. Relentlessly Optimistic
- 2. Intensely Curious
- 3. Scrappy Determination
- 4. Single-Minded Purpose
- 5. Eternal Perspective

Quote

You don't get promoted in a safe place. You get promoted in the dangerous places. -- Larry Higginbotham

Discussion Questions

- Which of the five traits of the heart of a champion do you want to lean into at this time in your life?
- Who do you know who has demonstrated one of these traits in their life?
- Why are dangerous places a fertile ground for the growth of a champion's heart? What do you need to sign up for to develop the traits of a champion?
- What have you looked to in the past to give you perspective? How did that differ from looking to God's word as David did?

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