

1 & 2 SAMUEL

THE LIFE OF DAVID



Sermon Outline

Key verse

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.

1 Samuel 16:7

God looks at the heart (not the resume)

1. God sees you when others don't

"I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king... I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

1 Samuel 16:1, 3

2. God shapes you in obscurity

Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

1 Samuel 16:11

3. God strengthens you for his purpose

The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day forward.

1 Samuel 16:13

GOD CHOOSES THE UNLIKELY

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Thought

We live in a world that measures worth by visibility, talent, and success. But God works differently. In the story of David, we see that God is less concerned with how impressive someone looks and is more concerned with who they are becoming.

Ice breaker

- When is a time you were picked last or overlooked?
(*Leaders: keep this light at first—kickball stories, getting dumped, etc. then probe a little deeper.*)
- How did that experience shape you?

Dig Deeper

- Read **1 Samuel 16:1–13**. What stands out to you about Samuel's assumptions when he sees Eliab?
- Why do you think Jesse didn't initially bring David to meet Samuel?
- What do we learn about God from verse 7?
- Read **1 Corinthians 1:26–29**. What kinds of people does Paul say God typically chooses? According to Paul, *why* does God work this way?
- Why do you think appearances are so persuasive—to Samuel, to Jesse, and to us?
- In what ways does the pasture (hidden, ordinary places) prepare David for future leadership?
- Where are you tempted to measure your value by your resume—skills, achievements, visibility, or success?
- Is there an area where you're tempted to rush God's timing instead of trusting his preparation?
- In what ways was Jesus the ultimate "unlikely" choice by worldly standards?

Closing

God chose David long before anyone else noticed him, and God is still at work in people long before the results are visible. He wants to use you to accomplish his extraordinary purposes!