



I Samuel

Part #14 –
David

Not on the Roster

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Introduction

Key Scriptures

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- And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. – 1 Samuel 16:2
- And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee. – 1 Samuel 16:3



Introduction – Cont'd

Key Scriptures

- But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. – 1 Samuel 16:7
- Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. – 1 Samuel 16:10
- And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. – 1 Samuel 16:11



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Key Scriptures

- And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he. – 1 Samuel 16:12
- Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. – 1 Samuel 16:13
- Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him. – 1 Samuel 16:18



Keys

The Lord calls the shots

- The Lord was calling the shots...
- Samuel we are not on the same page anymore....How long wilt thou mourn for Saul...
- Go, I will send (Come n' die!)
- I have provided me a... And I will show you
- Samuel did that which the LORD had spoken
- Physical attributes – not a criterion for selection - Neither has the LORD chosen these



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About the Search

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Fill thine horn with oil, and go

- The Lord was still calling the shots
- Samuel was no longer on the same page with the LORD
- The LORD had turned the page – Seeing I have rejected him
- Emotional entanglement - running amok
- Action was required to change an emotion – Fill thine horn with oil, and go



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How can I go?

- What kind of assignment is that? Come n' die?
- And I will shew thee what thou shalt do
- He who calls you into something, knows how to bring you into that thing
- It is always important to seek the Lord on His assignments
- Don't assume the burden of the throughput and follow-up is solely yours.
- He is looking for obedience!



About Seeing Differently

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What you see determines how you hear.

- But we ought to be quick to hear first!
- And I will shew thee what thou shalt do – I got a way, Samuel!
- Height, handsome features, stature not required!
- We do not get our knowledge of who we are and what we are capable of, by our physical appearances – 2 Corinthians 5:16
- Man receives his cues from the outside appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart



About the Selection

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The LORD hath not chosen these

- Many will quit after the first try – Maybe I didn't hear from the LORD or didn't hear right!
- I've seen Eliab (my God is father), Abinadab (my father is noble), Shammah (Astonishment)?
- After the seventh son...Are we in the right house? Are here all thy children?
- Can you imagine the pomp, pageantry and showmanship at each presentation?



About the Selection – Cont'd

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Are here all thy children?

- So exact and winsome, but never qualified as You get to “Yes” after so many “Nos” – Not time to quit!
- The selection is not identified by name only by position – by his father!
- But! We did not consider him a candidate for the office of president!
- Your assignment may be insignificant to those around you, but it is absolutely important to the One that matters most



About Sending and fetching

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Send and fetch him?

- The training ground for David was not the Military academy but the Sheep academy
- Not the familiar grounds of shells and smells of mortar, but the smells of manure and sheep droppings
- Not with swords and trebuchets, but with sticks and stones
- Your town is on notice because of you



About the Separation

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- About the Spirit of the LORD
- Who is looking for you in your absence? When the king maker comes to town, it says your influence is being felt and recognized by Heaven!
- Distinction among the cadre of men!
- God's training ground suits God's purposes – Don't despise where you are being fitted!
- Anointed amidst of his brethren – Pedigree don't matter – 1 Chronicles 5:1,2



About the Seasons

And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. – 1 Samuel 16:17

In the white house already?

- When others sing your song! Giftings that make room for you! – 1 Samuel 16:21-23
- Don't get confused about a sudden break - You are in training!
- Getting your exposure is not for pleasure!
- David has found favor with the King now (How to position yourself while in favor) – Exodus 1:8



Summary

The neighbor that the Lord spoke about - David



Next Week

We will continue next week – Still in the book of 1 Samuel – King Saul