

## **David Part 1**

### **Prepared in the Pasture**

#### **Stories in the Bible:**

- **Point us to Jesus.**

All of scripture, including the stories point us to Jesus. The purpose of the stories is not for us to admire and desire to become more like them. As we move through our summer sermon series on David understand that David points to something beyond himself. His story points to a King, a Kingdom and Throne much greater than him.

- **Gives us an example of how to walk with and trust God and sometimes how to NOT trust and walk with God. Enough said!**

- **When God's story intersects yours, you begin to live a new story.**

Although our story took place 1000 BC, it is still relevant history for us today. Does this sound familiar; the people were divided, all were hungry for leadership, there were terrible economic woes, there was tremendous pressure from outside nations and corruption was widespread.

David was the 8<sup>th</sup> in the line of brothers. No other biblical character has as many chapters devoted to their story, 60 chapters. Additionally there are over 50 New Testament references to him.

The chapters just previous to our text this morning tell us about a time when the season of the Judges are over. The last Prophet Samuel that would lead the nation in this manner was hearing challenging words from the people and from God. The people were telling him he was old, that his sons were corrupt and that they wanted to be like other nations and have a king. God would speak to Samuel who couldn't help but take it personal, saying; "they haven't rejected you they have rejected me". He will tell Samuel to let them have what they want. (Not what you want to hear)

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## **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

*“The Lord said to Samuel, ‘How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.’ 2 But Samuel said, ‘How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.’ The Lord said, ‘Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.’ 4 Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, ‘Do you come in peace?’ 5 Samuel replied, ‘Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.’ Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.’ 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’ 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, ‘The Lord has not chosen this one either.’ 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, ‘Nor has the Lord chosen this one.’ 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, ‘The Lord has not chosen these.’ 11 So he asked Jesse, ‘Are these all the sons you have?’ ‘There is still the youngest,’ Jesse answered. ‘He is tending the sheep.’ Samuel said, ‘Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.’ 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; this is the one.’ 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.”*

**(1 Samuel 16:1-13)**

### **Where and How Should We Look**

So at the writing of these notes we are in the middle of a Presidential race. We have to wonder where would God or where would he have us look for a President, a leader what would he be looking for?

We quickly learn that God looks at people differently than we do.

*“For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9)*

When God told Samuel; *“I have chosen one of his sons to be king,”* he was literally saying; “I have *seen* a King”. God is seen as searching for a heart, not the outward appearance.

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Samuel began to "interview" the brothers and the eldest brother was very impressive. The scripture says; *Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.* But God does not look on the outside; he looks on the inside at the heart.

The danger of the enemy is one of *misdirection*. Like the gifted magician he has you looking at the wrong thing. Even Samuel was looking at the wrong thing; he didn't see the "runt of the litter", mainly because he didn't look like a King.

## **Two Questions:**

### **1) What's going on in your heart?**

Since this is what God looks at we must ask ourselves if this is our focus or is it other things.

## **Back to the Pasture**

Although he was initially, overlooked David is chosen and anointed as the new King of Israel; he then went back to the field, to the sheep's pasture. This may seem strange to us, but in reality it is the "pasture" that will prepare him to be King. Waiting, (although difficult) is part of the process, although at times it can appear to be the "death of the dream". David was faithful in the "little things", protecting his sheep, using his sling, confronting powerful enemies and playing the harp. In this process nothing is wasted, those "little things" would become foundational.

### **2) Have you focused on the pain in your heart?**

## **The Forgotten and Rejected Son**

David was the forgotten son, he had no favor with his Father and wasn't even a consideration for this search. We will soon see that his brothers would also mock and dismiss him. Even a troubled King Saul would come to the point where he would try to kill him. All male figures in his life rejected him; as a result there were gaps and holes in his life that would affect him his entire life. All of these things were *never dealt with*.

There was another "Son of David" who was rejected, but through him we became children of God.

"David's greatest flaw was from something he never dealt with"

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."* **(2 Corinthians 1:3)**

## Discussion Questions

- 1) Randy pointed out, as the teaching began, that there are three purposes for stories in the scriptures. Please discuss these:
  - a) “Point us to Jesus”
  - b) “Gives us an example of how to walk with and trust God and sometimes how to NOT trust and walk with God.”
  - c) “When God’s story intersects yours, you begin to live a new story”
- 2) We see very clearly that “*God looks at people differently than we do*”. As we read and studied this story what did you learn about this truth and what applications do you see in your own life?
- 3) As was pointed out, David is chosen and anointed as King and then was sent back to the pasture. Have you ever had this happen in your life? Have you felt that your dream died; maybe you’re experiencing that now? Discuss the purpose of going back to the Pasture and what happens there.
- 4) Sadly, David was rejected by all male figures in his life. His own father, his brothers and eventually King Saul. This would cause undo consequences throughout his life. Have you seen or experienced rejection like this? If so, how did it affect your life? Lastly it is through another “Son of David” who was rejected that we are not only saved but can be healed. Please share about times of healing or pray for God’s healing in our lives.