

David pt1 – Found: Not Overlooked.

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[1Sa 16:1, 6-13 NASB95] 1 Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have selected a king for Myself among his sons." ... 6 When they entered, he looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God [sees] not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 9 Next Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with beautiful eyes and a handsome appearance. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is he." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

- Why do a series about David? He is mentioned more than 1000x in the Bible. That's more than Abraham and Moses. Jesus was known as the Son of David.
- This is what makes David distinctive: [1Sa 13:14 NASB95] 14 "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."
- Over the following several sermons, we will learn about a man who fulfilled his destiny and followed the heart of God amid his victories and defeats.
- In I Samuel 16 is the first mention of David by name. God sent the Prophet Samuel to Jesse to choose one of his sons. Jesse brings out his seven sons, with the exception of David, who was watching the sheep.
 - Why did Jesse not include David at first? Possibly because he was illegitimate. Or a reference to original sin. [Psa 51:5 NASB95] 5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin, my mother conceived me.
 - Whatever the reason, David's father did not bring him in. Yet, God had chosen him.
 - David was overlooked by his father but found by God.

What can we learn about how God will find us so we can fulfill our divine purpose?

Here are four critical aspects found by God.

I. God views you as a legitimate child of God.

- a. Those who believe in Jesus are children of God. [Jhn 1:12 NASB95] 12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, [even] to those who believe in His name,
- b. You are a child of God. You are a fellow heir with Christ. [Rom 8:15-17 NASB95] 15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him] so that we may also be glorified with [Him.]

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- c. This makes you significant. He has a plan for you.

II. God looks at your heart for Him.

- a. [1Sa 13:14 NASB95] 14 "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."
- b. David was handsome. But it was his heart that set him apart.
- c. He was not perfect. He just pursued God.
- d. To fulfill the God-given destiny, we must pursue Him.
- e. [2Ch 26:5 NASB95] 5 He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.
- f. Set your heart to seek Him. He will do the rest.

III. God chooses to use you.

- a. You are chosen to proclaim Him. [1Pe 2:9 NASB95] 9 But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR [God's] OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;
- b. You are created for good works. [Eph 2:8-10 NASB95] 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, [it is] the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

IV. God finds you and exalts you.

- a. Jesse overlooked David. God found David.
 - b. David was anointed in the midst of those who thought little of him.
 - c. Quite looking for someone to give you legitimacy.
 - d. Don't worry about being noticed. Keep your heart after God; He will pluck you out of those who think little of you.
 - e. [1Pe 5:6 NASB95] 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,
- **God will find you as surrender to Jesus Christ; keep seeking God, know that you are chosen and allow God to find you and exalt you.**