

## 7-9-2025 – Journey with David – Week 1

Story of David's life: 1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2

**Different places of our lives teach us different lessons.** The life of David has many important lessons for us . . . and teaches us truth about God.

David was 2<sup>nd</sup> King of Israel & Judah. 14 gen from Abraham.

Like Jesus, he was born in Bethlehem, died in Jerusalem. Son of Jesse.

Obed - Father of Jesse. Grandparents: Boaz & **Ruth** (Moab).

Great-grandparents: Salmon & **Rahab** (Canaan). Son is Boaz.

Ruth - a Moabite. Rahab – Canaanite. **David is not fully Jewish.**

Saul was appointed 1<sup>st</sup> King over Israel. But Saul disobeyed God.

**1 Samuel 15** – God was giving Israel victory over an enemy - the Amalekites – and told Saul to destroy everything. But he didn't.

<sup>9</sup> Saul and his men spared Agag's life and kept the best of the sheep and goats, the cattle, the fat calves, and the lambs—everything, in fact, that appealed to them. They destroyed only what was worthless or of poor quality.

Samuel confronts Saul . . . who claims only to have saved it for a sacrifice.

<sup>22</sup> But Samuel replied, "What is more pleasing to the Lord: your burnt offerings and sacrifices or your obedience to his voice?

Listen! Obedience is better than sacrifice, and submission is better than offering the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup> Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshipping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."

<sup>24</sup> Then Saul admitted to Samuel, "Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the Lord's command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded. . .

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<sup>27</sup> As Samuel turned to go, Saul tried to hold him back and tore the hem of his robe. <sup>28</sup> And Samuel said to him, "The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has given it to someone else—one who is better than you."

- - That someone else is **David**. Our journey begins in **Bethlehem**.

The “**city of David**” . . . **Recall:** Joseph had to go to Bethlehem, the city of David, to be registered. . . he was from “the lineage of David.”

We first meet David in **1 Samuel 16**. Samuel is sent to choose new king.

But he’s afraid Saul will find out and kill him. God gives him a plan.

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.”<sup>2</sup> But Samuel asked, “How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” “Take a heifer with you,” the LORD replied, “and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the LORD.”<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me.”

<sup>4</sup> So Samuel did as the LORD instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. “What’s wrong?” they asked. “Do you come in peace?” <sup>5</sup> “Yes,” Samuel replied. “I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too.

Notice, Jesse was not an “elder” of the town... not power. Not “in.”

**We don’t have to come from position for God to position us for greatness.**

- <sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the LORD’s anointed!” <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The LORD doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” . . . . .
- <sup>10</sup> In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” <sup>11</sup> Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.” “Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.” <sup>12</sup> So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, “This is the one; anoint him.” <sup>13</sup> So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

Sometimes the people closest to you don’t recognize who you can be.

- See faults . . . not fabulous.                      See weakness . . . not winner.
- See problems . . . not potential.                      See young... not prepared...
- People see the **outside**. . . **don’t know what God has put inside.**

Sometimes we feel **invisible** to people. We're **never invisible to God**.

- God created us... sees us... knows us... has a destiny/purpose.

David's father didn't bring him in . . . but **God does not leave us out!**

Never forget that our **usefulness** to God is directly tied to our **hearts**.

**1 Sam. 13:14** – Samuel said to Saul – “But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD’s command.”

- David had a heart that was open to God. A heart that could be **molded**.

Our family – others - also don't know how God can **transform us**:

- **Never forget** this: the “**Spirit of God came powerfully**” on David's life.
  - It's not us... it's God working thru us . . . if we're **willing vessels**.
  - **When we stop being willing . . . the power stops, too.** Ex: Saul.

Not clear from this if David's family knows why he is anointed.

Life goes back to normal. Samuel leaves. How can David be King?

How can this young shepherd be prepared to be King?

Saul has a “tormenting spirit” . . . musician to play the lyre. Feel better.

- **Never doubt** that God has control over all that happens. . .
  - Even when Job was tested, God had limits.
- **Never doubt** that God can **get you to where you need to be**.
- <sup>18</sup> One of the servants said to Saul, “One of Jesse’s sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the LORD is with him.”
- <sup>19</sup> So Saul sent messengers to Jesse to say, “Send me your son David, the shepherd.” <sup>20</sup> Jesse responded by sending David to Saul, along with a young goat, a donkey loaded with bread, and a wineskin full of wine. <sup>21</sup> So David went to Saul and began serving him. Saul loved David very much, and David became his armor bearer.
- <sup>22</sup> Then Saul sent word to Jesse asking, “Please let David remain in my service, for I am very pleased with him.” <sup>23</sup> And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.”

- David is now in position to learn about being King.
  - God knows how to connect people to get you prepared for your destiny.
  - But keep in mind – Saul was chosen . . . then rejected.
  - Saul was 30 when he became king... was king for 42 yrs.
    - How we live our lives matters. Following God (not people) . . . being obedient . . . doing it right way.
    - We can be lifted up, but we can also be held back.
    - Saul rejected the word of God, and God rejected him.