

## David and God's Darkroom

*"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." II Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)*

### I. Introduction

#### Key thoughts to consider:

God's darkroom for David was his father's \_\_\_\_\_

God isn't interested in us being \_\_\_\_\_, rather, He wants us to be \_\_\_\_\_

God takes His time to develop something worth \_\_\_\_\_ to the world (I Peter 5:6-7)

In the pastures and darkrooms, you get to discover who you \_\_\_\_\_, and who you're \_\_\_\_\_!

What God wants to display and reveal to the world is Jesus—not \_\_\_\_\_!

### II. What Gets the Developed in God's Darkroom?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*"When Samuel came, he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD'S anointed is before Him." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. **For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.**" So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." He asked Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. **And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"** Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward..." I Samuel 16:6-13*

God \_\_\_\_\_, not the other way around—and He will \_\_\_\_\_!

God's pastures never require a \_\_\_\_\_; He calls you when you're ready!

Real trust finds its clear demonstration in our daily \_\_\_\_\_ amid the questions

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*"(David said), Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God." Moreover David said, "**The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.**" And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!" I Sam. 17:36-37*

*"Now this is what you will say to my servant David: '...**I (the Lord) took you** from the pasture where you followed sheep so that you could be the leader of my people Israel.'" II Samuel 7:8 (GW)*

*“Then one of the servants answered and said, “Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, **who is skillful in playing**, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; **and the LORD is with him.**” I Samuel 16:18 (NKJV)*

*“Do you see someone **skilled in their work**? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.” Proverbs 22:29*

*“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, **equip you with everything good that you may do his will**, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight...” Heb. 13:20 (ESV)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

*“...**Jesus grew** in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” Luke 2:52*

*“When Jesus’ parents saw Him, they were astonished. His mother said to Him, “Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.” And Jesus said to them, “Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father’s business?...Then He went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.” Luke 2:48, 49, 51*

*“Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don’t try to get out of anything prematurely. **Let it do its perfect work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.**” James 1:2-4 (Mess.)*

*“We earnestly desire each of you to demonstrate the same eagerness for the fulfillment of hope until the end, so that you may not become sluggish, **but be imitators of those who, through faith and patience, are inheriting the promises.**” Hebrews 6:11-12 (NAB)*

*“We can also have joy even in our troubles, **because we know that these troubles produce patience.** And patience produces character, and character produces hope.” Romans 5:3-4*

**Note: David was anointed for Kingship at age 17, but was not promoted by God for 15 years!**

4. \_\_\_\_\_

*“So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, ‘Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.’ So I declared on oath in my anger, ‘They shall never enter my rest.’” Hebrews 3:7-11*

**“The message is clear. It is not what is happening ‘out there.’ It is what is happening between your ears. It’s your attitude that counts.” - Zig Ziglar**

**Consider the Israelites and the importance of attitude:**

- They complained at the Red Sea, but the Lord still delivers them (Ex.14:12; 31)
- Though they complain about bitter water, God provides sweet water (Ex.15:22-27)

- They complain about hunger, God provides quail and meat (Ex.16:1-7)
- They complain about thirst, God graciously provides water (Ex.17:1-7)
- They complain about Moses' absence, and they make a golden calf (Ex.32:1-28)
- Miriam & Aaron complain about not being "used enough", Miriam cursed with leprosy for 7 days (Numbers 12:1-15)
- They complain about the difficulties and challenges of entering the Promised Land, and the Lord then refuses them entry permanently! (Numbers 14:13-23)

5. \_\_\_\_\_

"After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En-Gedi." So Saul took three thousand chosen men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men...a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. David's men said to him, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe. **Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD's anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the LORD."** With these words David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way." I Samuel 24:1-7 (See also I Samuel 26:1-12)

Your calling and your cave are connected

*"Character is what you are in the dark."---Dwight L. Moody*

*"The enemy of your soul will encourage you to hide secret things about yourself, and then he'll expose them later to harm you, but the Lord will take you into His darkroom today to expose hidden things so that later on, He can stand WITH YOU and say, "Oh, no, devil that sin has been placed under My blood and forgiven!"*

*"Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the Lord tested Joseph's character." - Psalm 105:19 (NLT)*

*"Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to You. For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." Psalm 139:12-14 (NKJV)*

## **ANSWER KEY:**

### **INTRODUCTION**

- Pasture
- discovered----developed
- showcasing
- are---not
- us or our gifts

### **II. What Gets the Developed in God's Darkroom?**

#### **1. Trust**

- o found David----find you
- o publicist
- o faithfulness

#### **2. Skills**

#### **3. Patience**

#### **4. Proper attitudes**

#### **5. Character**