



GOD'S PLAN

1 Samuel 16:1-5: *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 provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.*

- ✳ **God has plans!** Samuel was still in grief over the failures of Saul, but God had a plan, history is moving forward.
- ✳ **1 Samuel 13:14:** *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."*
- ✳ **God Provides.** "Provided [for Himself]" can also mean seen or chosen. In this case, 'see' means "to choose." With David, God saw and chose for Himself a great leader.
- ✳ **Gods plans: bigger than our problems.** Our setbacks, trials, and challenges don't stop God's exciting plans from moving forward. God was able to provide for these problems.

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

1 Samuel 16:6-11: *⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before him." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here."*

- ✳ **Isaiah 55:8-9:** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

NOT THE OLDEST OR THE TALLEST: DAVID

- ✳ **1 Samuel 9:2:** *Kish had a son named Saul, as handsome a young man as could be found anywhere in Israel, and he was a head taller than anyone else."*
- ✳ **Tall People Eliab & Saul & The Rest...** Being tall in the OT signifies human strength. Here's a fun rabbit trail that put Eliab's height in perspective: (Numbers 13:33, Deuteronomy 2:10, 1 Samuel 9:2, 1 Samuel 17:4, 2 Samuel 21:15-22, Isaiah 45:14, Amos 2:9).

THE HUMAN HEART & GOD

- ✳ **Heart.** In the Old Testament the heart represents the center of the person. "Home of the personal life." "The center of spiritual activity and options of human life." It is often defined as simply: "the inner-man."
- ✳ **Jeremiah 17:10:** *I the LORD search the heart and examine the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct, according to what their deeds deserve."*
- ✳ **Psalms 139:23-24:** *Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*
- ✳ **1 John 3:20:** *If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.*

GOD'S PURPOSE

1 Samuel 16:12-13: *And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. 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 rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.*

YOUNG DAVID...

- ✳ **Is Invisible.** David is not only the youngest, smallest, but he isn't even in the room.
- ✳ **Is Number 8.** The youngest of his brothers. 8 might represent *new* (There is a genealogy that has 7 sons listed instead of 8 [1 Chron 2:13-15]. It's possible that one had died, or that 8 is symbolic: Noah was the 8th in the ark, 8 is the day after creation, it could represent *new beginnings*).
- ✳ **Is Ruddy.** A word that means 'red' or 'sun tanned.' There was something accessible and likable about David.
- ✳ **Is a Shepherd.** Just like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, David got his start tending sheep.
- ✳ **Is Humble.** But God has already exalted the humble (Hannah, Samuel).
- ✳ **Is Anointed.** The Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.

ANOINTED ONE = (CHRISTOS: THE CHRIST)

- ✳ **Anoint / Anointed.** "To pour oil or ointment onto a person or object in a ritualistic fashion." (*Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible*). An outward picture of a spiritual reality. In the Bible, anointing was sometimes more than a ritual, it marked people that were set apart. When someone was anointed, it represented the empowerment of God. **In the NT: "Messiah" and "Christ" mean "anointed one."** Jesus is the ultimate *anointed one* that the prophets longed for. Anointing is also special to Christians as it points to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in each believer who is *set apart* and *empowered*. (Acts 2, 1st John 2:20, 27).
- ✳ **Matthew 3:16-17:** *And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*
- ✳ **Luke 4:18-19:** *The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to release the oppressed to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Isaiah 61:1-2).*