

THE MAKING OF A KING

Part 1: An Unlikely Beginning - 1 Samuel 16:1-13

God moves His **PURPOSES** forward despite Saul's **FAILURE**
vs. 1-5

God's plans are **BIGGER** than any **ONE** leader

Joining God's purposes leads to **IMPACTFUL** living Isaiah 46:9-10

The **OBVIOUS** choice is rarely **GOD'S** choice vs. 6-10

Key: 'Man looks on the **OUTWARD**, but God looks at the **HEART**'

God evaluates the **INNER** person

The right **HEART** + the right **ANOINTING** = the right **IMPACT**
vs. 11-13

God often develops in **OBSCURITY** before using **PUBLICLY**

God looks at your **HEART** more than your **HERITAGE**

Takeaways:

Where you **STARTED** is NOT where you will **FINISH** Phil. 1:6

God chooses unlikely people who fit His **PURPOSES** 1 Cor. 1:27-29

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Life Application Questions – September 27, 2026

1 Samuel 16:7 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."

DISCOVER

1. Saul was failing as a leader. How does failure sometimes create a thirst for improvement? What are some failures in your life that led to awareness and determination to do better? In retrospect, where did you see the Hand of God in making good of the shortcoming?
2. The obvious choice is rarely God's choice. Compare and contrast the "eyes of man" with the "eyes of God". When have you seen God pick unexpected leaders? What are some ways for us to see the heart of a person in order to more closely align our discernment with God?
3. Some people seem to have all the talent and skills, but they fail. What characteristics and heart conditions might be missing? In the saying "the right heart plus the right anointing equals the right impact", what is anointing? If someone is doing all the right actions, then why does anointing matter?

EXPLORE (Read 1 Samuel 16:1-13)

1. The elders trembled at Samuel's arrival. Re-read 1 Samuel 16:4. What made Samuel a fearsome prophet? How do people sometimes react with fear or suspicion when God is at work in unexpected ways?
2. What does Samuel's initial reaction to Eliab reveal about human tendencies in evaluating people (v. 6)? Quote and explain the key statement in verse 7. How does it contrast human judgment with God's judgment?
3. What happens immediately after Samuel anoints David (v. 13), and why is this significant in the broader story of David's life?
4. In the lineage of Jesus, who do you see as unlikely? See Matthew 1:1-17 and help each other answer the question. What should we learn from God picking people that seem questionable to us? Which of the disciples of Jesus do you find to be unlikely?

EXPERIENCE

1. Saul dropped out of God's plan. What habits do we need to establish and practice to avoid falling out of God's plan? What does it mean to be an impactful person for God?
2. How can an obscure past be ideal preparation for working for the Lord?
3. What steps can we take to perceive and appreciate the hearts of our brothers and sisters in order to recognize their redeeming value as God does? How might this approach play into loving neighbors as ourselves? Why do we love to be around people like Barnabas which is translated as Son of Encouragement? See Acts 4:36-37.
4. Who was the first person that talked to you about Jesus? Why do you think they did?

PRAY

Abba Father, it is intimidating and exciting to think we are anointed to carry out Your work. We want to be part of Your plan and fulfill Your commission in proclaiming the matchless name of Jesus to the world. Open our eyes to those who need encouragement to march alongside Your army. May "Your kingdom come, Your Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Amen.