

A Nobody, Nobody Noticed

SERIES: DAVID Part 2

I. Man **PANICS** . . . God **PROVIDES**.

1 Samuel 16:1 (NIV) The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? 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."

ARE YOU GOD'S MAN OR WOMAN FOR THIS HOUR?

1 Samuel 16:2 (NIV) But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me." . . .

1 Samuel 16:2-3 (NIV) . . . "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

*You don't have to be **smart** to be obedient. You don't have to be **clever**.
All you have to do is **OBEY**.*

II. Man **CHOOSES** . . . God **CORRECTS**.

1 Samuel 16:6 (NIV) When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

1 Samuel 16:8 (NIV) Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

1 Samuel 16:9 (NIV) Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."

1 Samuel 16:7 (NIV) But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Jesse reveals two very common mistakes parents make.

#1 He didn't have an equal **APPRECIATION** for all of his children.

#2 He failed to cultivate a **MUTUAL** self-respect among them.

III. Man **FORGETS** . . . God **REMEMBERS** .

1 Samuel 16:11 (NIV) So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

1 Samuel 16:12-13 (NIV) So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:17 (NIV) So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

1 Samuel 16:18-19 (NIV) One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him." Then Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep."

IV. God **SPEAKS** . . . We **RESPOND**.

Three timeless lessons we see as we look at these significant scenes in David's life.

1st, God's **SOLUTIONS** are often **STRANGE** and **SIMPLE**, so be **OPEN**.

2nd, God's **PROMOTIONS** are usually **SUDDEN** and **SURPRISING**, so be **READY**.

3rd, God's **SELECTIONS** are always **SOVEREIGN** and **SURE**, so be **SENSITIVE**.

V. God is looking at our town, our city, our **NEIGHBORHOOD**.

Are you going through life feeling like a **NOBODY**, that you are **UNNOTICED**?

– **God SEES you, KNOWS you, and He LOVES you!**