

There Is A King In You

1 Samuel 16:1-5 – NIV - Samuel Anoints David

16 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.”

² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The Lord said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”

³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

(Illustration here) – Chosen to lead.... CR

Throughout the course of our lives, we all go through times where we feel inadequate or under qualified to do what God has called us to do...

- But I want to inform you that each of **you have something in you that is great.**
- Each of you has something in you **that is powerful.**
- Each of you has a **potential that is not yet realized.**

The first King of Israel, **King Saul,** turned from the Lord and **refused to obey the Lord's commands.**

- Because of this **he was rejected** by the Lord as King of Israel.

God asked Samuel, the prophet, to go to Bethlehem and seek out Jesse.

God had selected one of Jesse's sons to be the next king of Israel.

When Samuel arrived in Bethlehem, he called for Jesse to bring his sons to a public sacrifice for the Lord.

- At the time of the sacrifice, the Lord would reveal to Samuel which one of **Jesse's sons** would be the next king.
- **Jesse** brings seven of his sons to the sacrifice.

But he leaves his **youngest son** tending sheep at home.

- **David** was so young and undeveloped that his father did not even consider bringing him before the prophet.
- In **Jesse's** mind, **David** was not a proper candidate for king.

Although David was just a kid at heart...inside of him was the heart of a king.

My message thought for today is...**There is a King in You!**

When the son's of Jesse were lined up before him

- **Samuel** called **Eliab** the **eldest son** out....
- The Bible says that Samuel took one look at him and thought - - -
- **"Surely this is the one God has anointed as king."**
- **Eliab** was tall and handsome and looked like a natural leader.
- But **God told Samuel** that He had not anointed him.
- One by one, **Samuel** called each son of **Jesse** forward, each time Samuel said, **"The Lord has not chosen thee."**

Samuel then turned to Jesse and asked, **"Are these all the sons you have?"**

Jesse replied, "There is still my youngest son, but he is out in the fields tending the sheep and goats."

Samuel said, "Send for him at once. We will not sit down to eat until he arrives."

1 Samuel 16:12-13 – NIV

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then **the Lord said**, "Rise and anoint him; **this is the one.**"

¹³ 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 powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

David went on to become the **greatest King** in Israel's history.

What sticks out to me about this story the most though, is a phrase found in verse 10 - - -

1 Samuel 16:10 - NIV - ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "**The Lord has not chosen these.**"

- As each son was **presented to him**, **Samuel saw potential** in every one just as he had seen in **Eliab**.
- Evidently, all eight of **Jesse's sons were handsome** young men, all **eight** of them made a **profound impact upon Samuel**.
- In **Samuel's mind**, all **eight** of them had **the potential** to become the next **King of Israel**....but only one became the king.

Now, I am going to go the **opposite direction** you probably think I am going.

We know that in **David**, **God** saw a heart that pleased Him, and **that is why David was selected.**

But what I want to talk to you about today - - -

is the potential that was in **all eight of Jesse's sons.**

Every one of them were at a turning point in their life.

- Every one of them was looking forward to a bright future.
- Each of them had their entire life ahead of them.
- And every one of them had unlimited potential.

Inside of all of **Jesse's sons** there was a King and there was a Kid.

Samuel though, anointed David to be the next King of Israel even though he was the youngest, the smallest and the loneliest son.

- **Samuel** looked past the shepherd boy.
- He looked past the kid.
- He looked past any inadequacy.
- And he chose to see the King in David.

David went on to become the greatest King that Israel had even known.

But it all started with somebody who believed in him and ***spoke to his potential***.

Of course, we understand that it was God and not Samuel that chose David.

But it was the words of Samuel that elevated David to a place of Kingship.

We are not sure what happened to David's seven brothers, we only hear of them one more time during the story of Goliath.

- We know they were too afraid to face the giant.
- **David** faced off against **Goliath** when his brothers wouldn't do so.
- **David** brought the giant down and saved Israel from the Philistines.

I wonder what could have been possible in the lives of David's brothers ***if Samuel had spoken differently to them?***

I wonder if David's brothers might have faced off against Goliath?

Think of how painful it must have been for **those seven boys** to stand in front of all the elders and people of Bethlehem - - -

- And one by one be **called out and rejected** by the man of God
- Think of **the rejection** they must have felt.
- Then to have their youngest kid brother ***chosen instead of them.***

I am not implying that ***Samuel*** did anything wrong, he was simply **obeying God**....there could only be one king...the boys understood that.

But the heart of my message today is about the power that is in the spoken word!

Samuel spoke some powerful words of encouragement into the heart of the unlikeliest candidate, DAVID.

What would have happened with David had **Samuel** not spoken those words?

- **Would he have ever** left the pasture?
- conquered the giant?
- become the king?
- **Probably not.**

What about the brothers...

What if Samuel had spoken **encouragement** to them?

What could they have **accomplished?**

David had an incredible impact because ***somebody believed in him!***

David became the person he was ***because somebody spoke encouraging words*** into his life.

My message to you today is that *inside of all of you is both a King and a kid!*

- The one that will **come alive** is the one that is **spoken to!**
- The one that will **come alive** is the one that is **encouraged!**

***Whether you realize it or not - - -
there is amazing potential in every one of you!***

Inside of these four walls **is the potential** to **accomplish things that have never been accomplished before.**

- **We are no different than the sons of Jesse.**
- **twelve disciples.**
- **men and women of the Bible.**

Inside of each of you ***there is a mighty King*** and ***there is a lowly shepherd boy.***

- **Inside of each of you there is faith and doubt.**
- There is **victory and defeat.**

I choose to speak to your faith.

I choose to speak **to the King inside** of you today!

- **The Bible says that you are of royal blood.**
- You have been **called out as kings and priests.**
- **You have been chosen.**

1 Peter 2:9 – NIV

⁹ But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, **God's special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him **who called you out of darkness** into his wonderful light.

The Bible states that, "Many are called, but few are chosen."

- God has **called** every one of us!
- God has **spoken** to all of us!
- God sees **the potential** in you
- ***He is choosing you today!***
- God is saying, "**you are the chosen generation.**"
- You are people of **royal blood.**

Are you glad that God called you and chose you?

It is one thing to receive encouragement from the Lord.

But it is another thing to receive encouragement from man.

- We need both!

David was called and chosen by God, but his encouragement came from men......specifically two men...**Samuel and Jonathon.**

- **Samuel blessed him, anointed him, and set him on the road to Kingship.**
- **Jonathon, his friend, was the one who encouraged him and believed in him when **he didn't believe in himself.****

Jonathon was a friend like no other.

- Jonathan was the son of King Saul.
- He was the heir to the throne.
- There was a ***King in Jonathon*** as well.
- The people loved Jonathan.

Think of this....when Goliath came along, nobody would go out to fight him.

- The **bravest men** in the Kingdom at that time were Saul and his son Jonathan.
- Since **Saul was the King**, no doubt ***the people were looking to Jonathan to fight***.
- He probably would have, but I am sure his father would not let him go.

It was at this time that David went out and defeated the giant.

Jonathan had been the people's choice,
but now there was a new hero on the scene.

You would think that **Jonathan** would have tried to belittle or discount the victory that David had, but instead **Jonathan chose** to be David's friend.

From this point forward, it was **Jonathan** that spoke into the life of David.

- It was Jonathan **who encouraged** David.
- It was Jonathan **who strengthened** David with his word.

Even when **Saul** came to **take David's life**, the Bible states;

1 Samuel 23:15-16 - NIV

¹⁵ While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. ¹⁶ And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh **and helped him find strength in God**.

- Time after time we find **Jonathan lifting David up** with his word!
- **Jonathan** understood the potential in David.
- **Jonathan** spoke to the King in David.

David may **never have become King** if it had not been for **Jonathan**.

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As ministers of the Gospel, as brothers and sisters in the Lord, and as friends we all need to understand the power of the spoken word!

The words that you speak about your brother or sister could well affect the calling that the Lord has placed on their life!

The impact that I will have as pastor in this community will be in direct proportion to the ability I have to speak encouragement into the lives of the people God has placed here.

The impact you will have in your life will be in direct proportion to your ability to speak encouragement into the people in your life.

- **Inside of all of us is a King and a Kid.**
- **Inside of your children** is a King and a Kid....there is a Queen and a child.
- **Inside of your friends** there is a King and a Kid.

The one that comes alive is the one that you speak to and encourage.

The one that grows is the one that you promote by your words and your actions.

I want to speak to the King in your life today!

**I want you to know today that you have the potential to change your world!
You have what it takes.**

- You can teach a Bible Study.
- You can win your classmates.
- You can win you co-workers.
- You can be promoted on your job.

There is a King in you.

There is great potential in you.

There is anointing on your life.

Wives, there is a King and a kid in your husband...the one that comes alive is the one that you speak to.

- You need to constantly tell your husband that he has what it takes.
- Husbands, you need to do the same to your wives.

Here at MY Church, **we can reach our potential** by **speaking words of encouragement** to one another.

- **Whose destiny will be changed by your words?**
- **Whose life will be changed by your actions?**