

## There's 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.”

<sup>2</sup> 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.’”

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

<sup>4</sup> 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?”

<sup>5</sup> 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.

**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

<sup>12</sup> 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**."

<sup>13</sup> 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 - <sup>10</sup> 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.**

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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.---
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**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.

**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**

<sup>9</sup>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**.**

**Jonathan 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 Jonathan*** 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**

<sup>15</sup> While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. <sup>16</sup> 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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**CLOSE:**

**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 an 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?**