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To give to Real Life,

Opening Passage: Psalms 18:1-2, Psalms 23:1-4

THE HOPE OF THE SERIES:

- As we look at different parts of his story, we will be jumping around throughout his life.
- As we think about the title, The Heart of a King, we will see David’s heart on display in different ways each week.

W1: A man after Gods own heart.

W2: The heart of courage he displayed

W3: The heart of submission to the lord he had

W4: A heart of repentance through is failures

W5: The powerful heart of worship he had through it all

THE STORY INTO THE STORY

THE BUILDUP TO THE STORY OF DAVID:

- Israel kept turning away from God (*Judges 2:11-12, Judges 21:25*)
- God would raise up appointed judges to rescue and restore His people (*Judges 2:16-18*)
- A repeating cycle formed (*Judges 2:19*)
- The people rejected God as their King and demanded their own (*1 Samuel 8:4-7*)
- God warned them about the cost of their request (*1 Samuel 8:10-18*)
- God gave them what they asked for, even when it was not best (*1 Samuel 8:19-22*)
- God appointed Saul through the prophet Samuel (*1 Samuel 9:15-17*)
- Saul looked like the perfect king on the outside (*1 Samuel 9:2*)
- For a time, Saul followed God and led Israel well (*1 Samuel 11*)
- But Saul began to drift (*1 Samuel 13:13-14, 1 Samuel 15:22-23*)
- God declared He was appointing a new king, a man after His own heart (*1 Samuel 13:14*)
- God sent Samuel to Jesse’s house because one of his sons would be king (*1 Samuel 16:1*)

DAVID ANOINTED KING

1 Samuel 16:4-13: ⁴ So Samuel did as the Lord instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. “What’s wrong?” they asked. “Do you come in peace?” ⁵ “Yes,” Samuel replied. “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too. ⁶ When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!” ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the Lord has chosen.” ⁹ Next Jesse summoned Shimea,^[a] but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen.” ¹⁰ In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.” “Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.” ¹² So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the Lord said, “This is the one; anoint him.” ¹³ So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.

Let's talk about it:

- God obviously sees what we cannot see.
- People judge by outward appearance, but God looks at the heart.
- Where is your heart today?
- David's own father did not think he was worth considering.
- Do you ever feel overlooked?
- God sees you when no one else does. Do you believe that?
- God uses everyday people in mighty ways. We may not all become kings, but God still wants to use us.
- God used David's time in the fields with the sheep to prepare him.
- Faithfulness in private, when no one is watching, matters.
- God equips us before He puts us on display, and He cares more about our heart than our image.
- Saul rose to power quickly and struggled with pride.
- Stop comparing yourself to others. God values your heart.
- Be faithful in the small, everyday things.
- Trust God's timing for what He wants to do in your life.

The story continues:

- 1 Samuel 16:17-22:
- David does not walk in and say, "I'm not serving you; you're a wicked king."
- He does not say, "I am the real anointed king; you should serve me."
- Instead, he supports Saul and faithfully serves him even after being anointed king.
- David had a heart that was centered on God and trusted Him.
- Trust in the lord with all our heart: (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- The gospel changes our hearts

Closing:

- Trust in God or trust in self (Jerimiah 17:5-10)
- A psalm of David (Psalms 139:1-18)

Discussion Questions:

1. How was your week, and what prayer requests do you have?
2. What stood out to you from this week's message?
3. God looks at the heart, not outward appearance (1 Samuel 16:7). Why does this matter in how we see ourselves and others?
4. Have you ever felt overlooked like David? How does God's choice of David encourage you?
5. David served faithfully even after being anointed king. What does this teach us about humility, serving others, and trusting God's timing?
6. Where do you need to trust God more fully right now?

