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## "Intro - The Life of David "



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David, a man after God's own heart.

- What pleases God starts with the motives of our heart.
- God wants us to be surrendered to Him.
- Only God has the power to change your heart.

1 Samuel 16:4-13 (NIV) "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. <sup>6</sup>When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD.' <sup>7</sup>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 people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.' <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The LORD has not chosen this one either.' <sup>9</sup>Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, 'Nor has the LORD chosen this one.' <sup>10</sup>Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, 'The LORD has not chosen these.' <sup>11</sup>So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered. 'He is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.' <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."

### God looks at the motives of the heart.

- What is the heart? It's not our physical organ that pumps blood. Biblically it's at the center and essence of who we are. It's where our will, desires, emotions come from.

- So what is God looking for in the heart?

Proverbs 16:2 (NIV) "All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD."

- God not only knows our motives but *weighs them on the scales of His righteousness*.
- He looks for motives driven by faithfulness, purity, humility, repentance and obedience.

1 Samuel 13:14 (NIV) "But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command."

- Unlike Saul, God saw David's faithfulness. God is looking for *faithful* people committed to following and obeying Him.
- Faithfulness trusts God regardless of circumstances.

Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) "Above all else, guard your heart for everything you do flows from it."

- This means to watch over our moral and spiritual life.
- We are to guard our heart against it's inherently deceitful and wicked condition. Jeremiah 17:9

Proverbs 22:4 (NLT) "True humility and fear of the LORD lead to riches, honor, and long life."

- When reading the Psalms we see both humility and fear of the Lord in David. Humility is a proper view of self; fear of the LORD is having a proper reverence of God.

- God sees what we can't.

- People judge by what they see on the outside, but God looks at the heart.

1 Corinthians 1:26-29 (NIV) “Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.<sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.<sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are,<sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him.”

1. God’s looking at what’s inside your heart and how willing you are to follow Him.

- Don’t despise small beginnings

- D. L. Moody story

Matthew 25:21 (NIV) “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

- God doesn’t just call the talented; more importantly *He equips the faithful*.
- David was a shepherd long before he was king. God uses everyday work to prepare us.

**God wants us to be surrendered to Him.**

- We usually only voluntarily surrender to someone that we love and trust.
- To surrender means to submit, to willfully place yourself under another.

1 John 4:19 (NIV) “We love because he first loved us.”

- In response to God’s love for us, we can wholeheartedly devote ourselves to Him.

Acts 13:22 (NIV) “After removing Saul, he made David their king. God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’”

Surrendering doesn’t mean we get it right all the time. You can be surrendered and still blow it!

- How you handle your sin matters

Psalms 32:5 (NIV) “Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.’ And you forgave the guilt of my sin.”

- David acknowledged His sin - to announce or make it known.
- “I did not cover up my iniquity” - he did not deny it or act like it never happened.
- “I will confess my transgression to the Lord” - confess God’s character and works.

- Be faithful when no one is watching

- How we live when no one is watching reveals our heart motives to God.

What produces pure motives and a surrendered heart to God? Faithful in abiding time, seeking to know God’s love and character. Faithful in trusting the promises of God, even when it’s difficult.

Ezekiel 36:26 (NIV) “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”

**Small Group Discussion Questions:** Main passages: 1 Samuel 13:8-14, 15:1-23, 16:1-13

- Why did God remove King Saul’s anointing and anoint David in his place?
- What are the motives of the heart God is looking for? Why?
- In what ways have you struggled with a divided heart? How will you surrender your struggles?
- How will you walk beside some you love in dealing with their fear, pride and faithfulness to God?