

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

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THE LIFE OF DAVID GOD'S UNLIKELY CHOICE

1 Samuel 8:4-5 (ESV) ⁴"Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah ⁵ and said to him, "Behold, you are old and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a king to judge us like all the nations."

1 Samuel 8:7-9 (ESV) ⁷ "And the Lord said to Samuel, 'Obey the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸ According to all the deeds that they have done, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt even to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are also doing to you. ⁹ Now then, obey their voice; only you shall solemnly warn them and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.'"

1 Samuel 8:11-22 (ESV) ¹¹ "He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹² And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day.'"

¹⁹ "But the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, "No! But there shall be a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." ²¹ And when Samuel had heard all the words of the people, he repeated them in the ears of the Lord. ²² And the Lord said to Samuel, "Obey their voice and make them a king." Samuel then said to the men of Israel, "Go every man to his city."

1 Samuel 9:2 (ESV) ² "And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people."

1 Samuel 16:1 "The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."

1 Samuel 16:6 "When they came, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him."

1 Samuel 16:7 ¹⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. "For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart."

1 Samuel 16:10-13 ¹⁰And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' ¹¹Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And Jesse said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.' ¹²And he sent and brought him in. Now he (David, of course) was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.' ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah."

THREE LESSONS

1. God chooses the unlikely

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 (ESV) ²⁷"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God."

2. In God's Kingdom, character is paramount.

1st Peter 2:22-23 (NIV) "He [Jesus] committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly."

3. Character is best formed in the waiting

THREE WORDS THAT CHARACTERIZE DAVIDS TIME IN THE PASTURE

1. Obscurity

2. Monotony

3. Reality

Psalms 78:70-72 ⁷⁰"He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds; ⁷¹from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance. ⁷²With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them with his skillful hand."

Luke 16:10 (ESV) ¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much."