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CHOSE ME
GOD DID IT SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Everything good in our lives God did it. Last week we looked at how Jonah tried to run from God and ran to God. He didn't wait to get out to call on God. We learned prayer and praise is our exit.

This week we will deal with "God Chose Me". We are the beloved of God and his hand is on our life. Looking at David we see the process of God choosing someone. David is a main character in the Old Testament books: 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, and 2 Chronicles. He's also mentioned in several other books, and nearly half of the Psalms are attributed to him.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF DAVID

- David was the youngest son who had seven brothers.
- David was God's "anointed one".
- David was a shepherd.
- David was a musician.
- David was a giant slayer.
- David was born in rejection, but became royalty.
- David was Israel's greatest king.
- David committed adultery with Bathsheba.
- David was a man after God's own heart.
- David is the Bloodline of King Jesus.

David was chosen even though he wasn't perfect. David was far from perfect, but full of purpose.

Jeremiah 1:5 NIV - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

- Before you were formed, you had a preferred future
- The future of God created a need for your arrival
- You were formed for greatness and purpose
- You keep taking a hit and keep coming back it's because the hand of God is on your life
- Your next season is about to be your best season
- May the person who is Looking for you find you

How does knowing God created you for a purpose change your outlook on your life?

Before you were FORMED you had a preferred FUTURE.

YOUR FUTURE HAS CREATED A NEED FOR YOU.

1 Samuel 16:1 NIV - 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.**"

- David was an underdeveloped king
- You're wearing an invisible crown
- Be consistent in your work
- God knows how to select you for a need
- God is going to let others find you doing what you always do
- Saul's rejection triggered David's promotion
- Your private pain is about to reveal your public promotion

Get up! It's time to fulfill your purpose. How long will you mourn past and present situations in your life?

1 Samuel 16:12 NIV - 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.**"

- There is another version of you that is about to be revealed
- You are the one and you're not in competition with anyone
- God has anointed you to complete the assignment
- Don't want to be the one without God's anointing
- God is putting something on you that is undeniable

What has God put in you that has been hidden, but is now ready for public display? Are you ready?

1 Samuel 16:12b NIV- Then the Lord said, "**Rise and anoint him; this is the one.**"

ANOINTING MEANS: "TO SMEAR ON, PAINT OVER, OR RUB IN." THE WORD "ANOINTING" IS A METAPHOR FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

KINGS, PRIESTS, AND PROPHETS WERE ANOINTED OUTWARDLY WITH OIL TO SYMBOLIZE A MORE PROFOUND SPIRITUAL REALITY THAT GOD'S PRESENCE WAS WITH THEM AND HIS FAVOR WAS UPON THEM. (PSALM 20:6, 28:8)

THE ANOINTING IS GOD'S AFFIRMATION OF OUR ALIGNMENT WITH HIS ASSIGNMENT.

WHO I AM MAKES ME ATTRACTIVE FOR WHAT GOD WANTS ME TO BECOME, WHICH BRINGS ME TO WHERE I BELONG.

- You are anointed for where you are going
- The very thing you need might be in your face
- You need a purpose partner

APPEARANCE

1 Samuel 16:7 NIV - *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."*

- Don't miss the anointing because of the package
- Appearances matter, but beware of deception
- You'll miss what God has for you because it looks like something else
- The Lord doesn't look at what people look at
- People look at the outer appearance and God looks at the heart
- There's more to you than what people can see

What have you learned about expecting things to look or happen a certain way?

APPEARANCES CAN BE DECEPTIVE.

Colossians 2:23 *Sinners who follow laws scrupulously may look Holy but appearances can be deceiving.*

- God often chooses the least likely
- Quit trying to be someone else
- Be who God created you to be, it's connected to your purpose
- God is sending someone in your life who can really see you

Give some examples of a time when appearances were deceptive? What did you learn from that experience?

AGE

1 Samuel 16:7,11 NIV - *"Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "**The Lord has not chosen these.**" So he asked Jesse, "**Are these all the sons you have?**" "**There is still the youngest.**"*

- Get past your age
- Don't talk yourself out of the purpose and plan of God
- You don't have to fight for what is assigned to your life

- Your future will force them to get you even when they are trying to exclude you
- Your age is just a stage of your development and growth
- We rebuke your age
- If God highlights your age, it's a part of God's agenda

What is so special about you that the enemy wants to keep you hidden?

YOUR AGE IS PART OF GOD'S AGENDA

- Abraham & Sarah had a baby at 100 (Genesis 25:8).
- Josiah became king of Israel at the age of 8. (2 Chronicles 34: 1-2.)
- Joseph had a dream at 17 years old.
- Jeremiah finds himself called into the position of a prophet, 17 years of age,
- Ruth was widowed in her 20s.
- Esther saves her nation in her teens,
- Mary, a mere teen pledged to be married, receives the news that she will give birth to the Son of God.
- Jesus impressed the religious leaders at the age of 12 when He asked them questions in the temple (Luke 2:41-47) began his ministry at 30.
- Young boy gave his lunch (John 6:10-13)
- Paul told Timothy 1 Timothy 4:12 - Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

What has God called you to do despite your age? How has your opinion of your age impacted how you felt about the assignment? How has this lesson changed your views about your age?

ASSIGNMENT

1 Samuel 16:11b NIV - "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "**Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.**"

- When God chooses you, He finds you serving
- You are being sent for
- Be faithful over what God had put in your reach
- They are waiting for you to get there
- God knows how to send for you in a space you thought you were forgotten
- God is about to make them come get you
- People love to keep you where they meet you especially if it's where they need you

- When you're locked into what you're doing, others will try to stop you from doing for God so you can do for them
- People have capacity for your gift, but not your greatness
- You have to show up in your authentic self to solve a problem
- You show up to solve a God created problem
- Don't despise the people God sends into your life, you're a part of their assignment

What problem, solution or idea are you anointed for to solve in this season? Do you know what it is?

IN YOUR ASSIGNMENT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE SEASONS OF INSIGNIFICANCE, ISOLATION, WAITING, WARFARE, PERSECUTION, INJUSTICE, SILENCE AND PROMOTION.

- You are assigned to solve a problem
- Your assignment has a location
- Your assignment will find you and affirm you

1 Samuel 16:13 NIV - 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.

- Anoint us in the area you designed and called us to be
- God called and selected you for such a time as this
- From this day forward live in the truth that God chose you
- Accept that God chose you

What has God chosen you to do? Are you fulfilling your purpose? If not, why?

GOD CHOSE YOU

John 15:16 KJV - "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

- Stop trying to explain what God decided for you
- Be unapologetic about the anointing on your life

1 Peter 2:9 NIV - **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.**

- You matter to God

QUESTION

What has God chosen and anointed you to do?

DECLARATION

From this day forward I accept that God chose me.

PRAYER

Father God, I thank You for choosing me. You have anointed my mind, hands, and spirit to complete Your work. I know that what You assigned me to do, no one else can do. I understand that others are assigned to me to help me. I will honor the assignment and those attached to it. I will give you all the praise and honor in Jesus' name, Amen!