



You Are Beyond Ordinary

Beyond Ordinary Pt 1

1 Samuel 16:4-12

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INTRODUCTION:

- What would YOU like to see God use YOU to do?
- WHO would you like to see God use you to reach?
- And how would you like to be the person that God uses?

What we discover in God's Word – is that the **THING** that makes a person **USEFUL** – the thing that creates the potential for a person to be great in God's Kingdom – **the criteria** – is completely different than the worlds criteria for greatness.

1 Samuel 16

(v. 4) *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?"*

(v. 5) *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.*

(v. 6) *When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord."*

(v. 7) *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."*

(v. 8) *Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either."*

(v. 9) *Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one."*

(v. 10) *Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these."*

(v. 11) *So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."*

(v. 12) 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."

"Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? The one who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god." (Psalm 24:3-4)

A pure heart is a heart that says:

"God - here I am – with all the good things and the bad things.

"God - here I am – with the things I can do and the things I can't do.

"Lord - here I am – with the things I can do in the future and the things I've done in the past.

"And God - I'm not going to play any games - I'm not going to pretend to be somebody I'm not.

"God, I am just here - making myself available to You."

CONCLUSION:

- God knows **HOW** to do whatever needs to be done.
- He's just looking for a **WHO**.