INSIDE OUT

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FROM THE INSIDE OUT

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

- Ephesians 3:14-21

✓ Insignificant – too small or unimportant to be <u>WORTH</u> consideration; lacking <u>MEANING</u>.

DAVID THE UNDERDOG: 1 Samuel 16:1-12

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... 3 You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." - 1 Samuel 16:1;3

3 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU

1) GOD'S <u>VIEW</u> OF YOU IS DIFFERENT THAN YOU <u>THINK</u>.

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." 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." - 1 Samuel 16:6-7

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- Ephesians 3:17-18

2) GOD HAS GIVEN YOU MORE THAN YOU THINK.

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."

- 1 Samuel 16:11

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being. - Ephesians 3:16

3) IT'S <u>LESS</u> ABOUT YOU THAN YOU <u>THINK</u>.

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." - 1 Samuel 16:12

And everyone assembled here will know that the Lord rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the Lord's battle, and he will give you to us!" – 1 Samuel 17:47