

David: Do Something Pt. 2

1 Samuel 16:4-13

⁴Samuel 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?**”

⁵Samuel 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.

⁶When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “**Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.**”

⁷But 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.**”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The Lord has not chosen this one either.” ⁹Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the Lord chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” ¹¹So 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.”

¹²So 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.**”

¹³So 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.

There are a few things that I found interesting about this section of scripture.

- 1.) The people felt it necessary to ask Samuel if he was coming in peace. There is a reason for that, and it is a good one. They had a fear of the Lord, in fact, the people of Bethlehem had such a fear of the Lord that they had to ask Samuel as soon as he got there if his visit was in peace. --Pastor Sean and I were hanging out a few years back and we were talking about this topic. And it’s true that this generation and the world we live in doesn’t have a healthy fear of the Lord. So, we ask ourselves,

why? And I believe that it's because this generation doesn't know the Bible. --They think of it as this book that has all these rules. When in actuality it's a book filled with stories of the God of wonders and the God of Justice and grace, and The God who is rightly feared among those who know Him. --Fear of the Lord isn't this trembling before him scared witless. But rather, a true reverence of who He is and His awesome power, and also submitting to His will and not our own.

2.) David's CHOSEN heart ----How many of us, have ever judged a book by its cover? We as humans have eyes that are like our stomachs. We see what we think is appetizing and it pleases us. Especially when it comes to food right?? As soon as Samuel saw Eliab, who I can only imagine what Eliab looked like for Samuel to say this of him. He looked like a king, right? Strong and courageous, handsome and tough looking. But no, the Lord did not choose Eliab, or Abinadab, or Shammah or any of his other seven sons. All of them most likely having the outward appearance of a king. --However, that isn't what the Lord looks at is it? --The Lord looked at David's heart and saw **compassion, innocence, humility, bravery, and someone who would follow him and listen, God saw the heart of a KING.** --God looks at our hearts too. Some of us just got real scared. I think that this simple yet so complex characteristic about the Lord scares us. We say well, what if the lord sees how broken my heart is? Then he could never love me. *STOP.* He created that heart, and the brokenness didn't come from him. and he will never stop loving what he created and predestined for good. Not only for your good but for the good of others around you. --**Being a Christ follower isn't about what you do or how many times you go to church in a week or how much you tithe.** --**Being a Christ follower is about letting the one who created your heart, lead it, and guide it, and set it free.** God is waiting for you to answer the door of your heart, because he's been knocking for a long time.

3.) David's Brave Heart --1 Samuel 17:20-51—

20Early in the morning **David left the flock** in the care of a shepherd, loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. He reached the camp as the army was going out to its battle positions, shouting the war cry. **21**Israel and the Philistines were drawing up their lines facing each other. **22David left his things with the keeper of supplies, ran to the battle lines and asked his brothers how they were.** **23**As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, stepped out from his lines and shouted his usual defiance, and David heard it. **24**Whenever the Israelites saw the man, they all fled from him in great fear.

25Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel."

26David asked the men standing near him, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

27 They repeated to him what they had been saying and told him, "This is what will be done for the man who kills him."

28 When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the wilderness? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

----- What??? David left everything to come and see how his brothers were doing and they say this to him. It's my interpretation that even though David was still a shepherd boy he was still anointed to be king. His brothers were jealous. David was so humble in this season of his life that we get to read about. He was anointed by the Lord to be KING, but he didn't act like he was greater than those around him. And neither should we. Yeah we are followers of Jesus but that doesn't give us the right to look down on others. We need to bring them in, and stop worrying about what their junk is because we have junk too.

29 "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" 30 He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. 31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.

32 David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

33 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. 40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

----- Saul's tunic didn't fit David. He simply couldn't fight in them. David had to use what he was used to fighting with and wear what he was accustomed to as well. Saul's armor was made for Saul and not David. And David's clothes were for David. This example is just like our hearts. David's heart was made for David, a heart of compassion, bravery and humility. You can't operate in this life and be effective without

knowing what works for you. Pastor Sean's ministering practices will not be the same as mine, or mine the same as James' we were all created with different skill sets to impact different people at different times. So we all have to practice what we are effective at when it comes to reaching God's lost children.

41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. 42 He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. 43 He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

48 As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. 49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

50 So David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the sheath. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, **they turned and ran.**

-----A lot of the time, we don't like to show off what the Lord is doing in our hearts or lives. But, when we show off all that the Lord has done and give him the glory for it. The enemy sees that, turns and runs. Church its ok to be broken before other. That is where we grow and its where we help others grow. Let's all be a people who turn to our brothers and sisters for help and guidance through the Lord.

Think of the word community. Let's come together with a common unity in the lord and do something by helping each other through our junk and through our pain and brokenness.

Jesus was broken for you, so it is ok for you to be broken for HIM.

Lets pray.