



## David

### Scripture

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## Introduction

In his series, we've covered the obedience and faith of men and women that God chose, showed favor to and rescued. Their faith in God brought much deliverance to their households and generational impact. Some of that generational impact flows down to today's reflection on David. From his great, great grandmother Rahab to this lowly shepherd boy who was full of faith and would become king of Israel.

David's story is one that is widely known and several aspects and seasons of his life are well documented in the Scriptures. You can read about him in the books of 1Kings and, 1Chronicles and 2Chronicles, and the books of 1Samuel and 2Samuel. His inner thoughts, feelings and devotions to God can be read and identified with in the book of Psalms as he is credited with writing a good number of them. His wisdom and guidance as a father to his son Solomon is known through the book of Proverbs.

***The other side of this "As For Me and My House" series, is not just the side of blessing but also the side of consequence. And David's story shows us both sides.***

So much of his life could be considered as: "out."

- out of the ordinary
- out of the norm
- out of obscurity
- outside of expectations
- outside of tradition
- while everyone else seemed to fall in line, David for most of his life felt like he was "out."

You could say that David went through times in his life when he was:

- left out
- plucked out
- thrown out
- called out
- but not counted out

## Left Out

In 1Samuel chapters 15 we see God choosing to reject Saul who had blatantly disobeyed Him and in chapter 16, we see God choosing to anoint and embrace someone who had always felt rejected.

In Chapter 16, we see Samuel being led by the Lord to Jesse's house to anoint the next king of Israel. And even though Samuel the prophet went there with a Divine mandate to not only choose the next king, but a sacrifice was to be made to the Lord right at the house, yet Samuel didn't know who in the house would be chosen.

I learned a few important things from this chapter:

1. Significant, important and official callings can be made "at the house."
  - if there's too much politics at the temple, God will do it at the house!
  - if there's too much contention and disobedience in the temple courts, God will do it at the house!
  - if there's pride and witchcraft happening among the leadership of the kingdom, God is just fine doing the official proceedings "at the house."

So when the elders of the town saw the prophet Samuel coming, they were afraid. They asked if Samuel came in peace or if he was about to pronounce problems. Samuel put them at ease and said he came peaceably. And he came to Jesse's house 1 Samuel 16:5 (NKJV) 5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

Guess who was not invited. David was not invited; he was "left out."

- he was not considered ready or worthy to be at this formal impromptu event

1 Samuel 16:6-9(NKJV)

6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!"  
7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."  
8 So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

2. Sometimes God hides the identity of the ones He chooses—even from the prophets.
  - Samuel had no idea who he was going to anoint to be the next king
  - Samuel, though spiritual, still had eyes for the natural cues for greatness or leadership (age, stature, tradition)
3. God sometimes gives important lessons to the very ones who teach His lessons.
  - we all learned a valuable lesson from the very lesson that Samuel learned. "For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Surely 7 sons have passed by the prophet like the red balloon show and the Lord popped all their balloons of high expectation. None of them were the ones that the Lord chose. The one God was looking for was not in the line-up.

Have you ever felt like:

- you were never in the line-up?
- never considered?
- often over-looked?
- forgotten?
- cast aside or not taken seriously?

Be encouraged because God has not "left you out" of His plan or His favor! He's about to "pluck you out" and bring you to the forefront of His plan.

## Plucked Out

God flat out refused all of the 7 candidates for the king's anointing and Samuel asked:

1 Samuel 16:11-12 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep."

And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"

Imagine being summoned from the field to the place at the house where an official sacrifice and anointing ceremony is being held. David is not dressed, still smelling like sheep, unprepared, doesn't know what's going on and God says "he's the one!"

God isn't always looking to use:

- the most groomed
  - the most exposed
  - the most prepared
  - the most outspoken
  - the oldest
  - the most faithful
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- God is looking for the ones who really love Him "off camera" when no one is looking.
  - He's looking for those who believe and trust Him "off camera" when there's very little affirmation around him.
  - He's looking for those who will Worship Him "off camera" with a greater fervor or worship than when other people are around.

God knew all this about David long before sending Samuel to his house.

And God now "plucked him out" and singles him out amongst his older brothers and the prophet pours the oil of anointing on David's head.

## Thrown Out

It wouldn't be long until we would see the manifestations of the anointing that was upon David and the Spirit of God that came upon him.

Saul who was rejected by the Spirit of God now had evil spirits tormenting him. He asked for a minstrel to come and play to soothe his torment.

1 Samuel 16:18 (NKJV)

18 Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him."

David's talent, valor, speech and good looks stood out and got him noticed and recommended to come and play for the king. Saul loved him and asked Jesse to allow David to come regularly before the king and play whenever the king was tormented.

In the next chapter, David would be the unlikely candidate to fight against Goliath, exceeding expectations, beating the odds, surviving Goliath's threats and insults and refusing to wear Saul's armor.

1 Samuel 18:8 (NKJV)

8 Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

The praises of David's victory began to torment Saul along with the other tormenting spirits and on one fateful day when the torments and taunts got so bad,

1 Samuel 18:10-15 (NKJV)

10 And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.

12 Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul. 13 Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. 14 And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him. 15 Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him.

Saul trying to find ways to function while David was still around and keeping his decorum, faithfulness and even combat worthiness, Saul offers him a job (commander of 1000 men), and a wife.

But by Chapter 19 Saul had grown so envious, and so angry at David that Saul conspired his military to kill David. He was now 'thrown out' and on the run from his own king and kingdom.

## Called Out

But God showed favor to David in spite of Saul's taunting, and relentless pursuit of him. God established his covenant with David and David desired to see a new temple built to honor the Lord. And so God makes a Covenant with David.

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It would be years later from being on the run from Saul that God would call Samuel the prophet home. God would allow Saul to be

killed. And David would replace him as king. David would survive challenges to the throne and united the split kingdom of Israel who followed Saul and Judah who followed David. David would go on to pen many Psalms, fight many wars, and lead the kingdom of Israel to many victories against their enemies.

Yet, 2 Samuel 11:1-2 1 It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold.

David had had many wives prior to this and many many sons from his many wives. Yet he broke 3 of the sacred Ten Commandments and coveted his neighbor's wife, committed adultery and then orchestrated pre-meditated murder in an attempted cover-up of what he'd done.

But the same God who saw the lonely rejected boy in the fields with the sheep also saw the exalted king walking the rooftops and gazing too long at an innocent woman who would be his next conquest.

And with all that he did to try and cover-up the corruption in his heart and in his house, God "Called Him Out."

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The same prophet Nathan who pronounced God's covenant upon David and his family;[As for David and his house], the kingdom would be established forever, is the same prophet who prophesied judgement on David for his sin with Bathsheba and taking her from her husband Uriah.

There is a price for the anointing! The same God who "plucks you out" and anoints you is the same God who also "calls you out" and delivers consequence to unrighteous behavior.

## **But Not Counted Out**

Both prophetic pronouncements on David's household and decedents would stand true and would be fulfilled.

David would experience much turmoil and betrayal and bloodshed and hatred from and amongst his own kids.

Yet the blessing bestowed upon David's descendants is a profound divine covenant that guarantees an everlasting kingdom. God established David's descendants as Israel's enduring dynasty, ensuring that only David's lineage could claim the privilege of ruling over the entire nation. Although God promised that David's kingdom would endure eternally, its permanent establishment would ultimately await the arrival of Jesus Christ, whose reign would truly last forever. This promise was rooted in an earlier blessing to the tribe of Judah, with Jacob declaring, "The scepter will not depart from Judah."

In spite of the David's failings, and the turmoil in his life and in his family, the Lord still got the glory out of all of it. The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords stepped down from Heaven into the bloodline, fulfilling the prophesy of the eternal reign on the throne of Israel here on earth but also in Heaven.

If David could comment on all of the above, he would declare: "As for me and my house":

- through some pain and some mess
- through some divisions and rebuilding
- through some departures and setbacks
- through some repentance and some deliverance
- through some breakups and breakthroughs
- "we will serve the Lord!"