

The Least of These...

David – From a Boy to a King

Culture measures a person's worth by power, popularity, status, and perfection. But the God measures worth on a radically different scale. When God wants calls, He rarely calls the cultural elites, spiritual heavyweights, or the socially powerful. Instead, He chooses the overlooked, the fearful, the broken, and the forgotten.

We will be exploring how God uses unlikely characters to display His divine glory. When our strength is absent, His power is undeniable. Faith challenges us to stop letting our limitations or past failures keep us from stepping into God's calling.

27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; 28 God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, 29 so that no human being[a] might boast in the presence of God. 1 Corinthians 1:27-29

God meets us in our weakness, redefines our identity, and strips away our self-reliance so His power becomes our only explanation for victory.

Inside > Outside

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord." 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." Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen this one either." Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the Lord chosen this one." 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," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." 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." 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. 1 Samuel 16:6-13

Humble Servant > Flashy King

When David finished saying this, Saul asked, "Is that your voice, David my son?" And he wept aloud. "You are more righteous than I," he said. "You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the Lord delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the Lord reward you well for the way you treated me today. I know that you

will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. 1 Samuel 24:16-20

God's Plan > Our Plan

All Israel came together to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, even while Saul was king, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord your God said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'" When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, he made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel, as the Lord had promised through Samuel. 1 Chronicles 11:1-3

He > Me

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10

God is not waiting for your moment of greatness. He is waiting for your faith in Him!

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – God looks at what's on the inside. Take 5 minutes today to ask God to search your heart. Where are you focusing most of your energy?

Tuesday – True kingdom leadership is serving and forgiving, not seeking revenge or recognition. Is there someone you need to choose humility and grace toward today?

Wednesday – David waited years before seeing God's promise fulfilled. What is one thing you need to stop forcing your own timeline on and trust God's promise instead?

Thursday – Pause right now and pray, "Lord, I can't do this on my own, but You can. Be my strength today." Are you fighting this week's battles in your own strength, or relying on His?

Friday – Looking back at Sunday's message, what is one key truth God spoke to your heart this week, and how will you live it out this weekend?