

The MESSage: David

Intro: Excited to continue our series called the Message.....
Going through History....from Creation
Leading to Christ... as we hit Easter in a few weeks
Everything in the Old Testament points to Jesus
I love Easter and this time of Year as we celebrate
The foundation of our Faith

Review: Past Several weeks we have Talked about several Characters.
Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, and Isacc, Moses, Joshua, and Saul
See in there stories.....the MESS in the Message of Jesus
The mess of Humanity.

Today: David
Doug Left off last week with Saul Becoming the first King
People wanted it "There Way"
Saul's Heart became hardened and it didn't go so well. MESS
Consequences to his disobedience. Like Doug Talked about last week.

1 Samuel 13:13-14 (NIV)

*13 "You have done a foolish thing," Samuel said. "You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, he would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time.
14 But now your kingdom will not endure; **the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command.**"*

David is this "MAN after GOD'S OWN HEART"
Sounds Promising....after the Isrealites screwed upafter Saul messed up
Finally David.....A Man after God's own heart.....what a cool thing
So What can we learn from this GUY?

The Story continues in

1 Samuel 16:1(NIV)

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."

Samuel (Prophet) (Spokesperson) is instructed by God to go and anoint.....a new king
That is what the horn of oil was for....ceremony of anointing with oil
This seems like a bad plan.....see the drama coming
Saul is already not stable.....Samuel needs to go anoint a new king.
Samuel is afraid that Saul will find out and will kill him.....rightly so
Samuel Obeys and goes to the house of Jesse as instructed...
Even this was odd....Saul's Son Jonathan should have been next king
Watched enough TV show....know how Kings work....
But God sends him to the house of Jesse
God had a different plan to get HIS PEOPLE BACK ON TRACK

1 Samuel 16:6-7 (NIV) (A-lie-ub)

6 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."

Eliab- (A-Lie-ub) was the oldest Son.....

Surely this is the one.....Tall, Strong, He has the look

He was the oldest.....It's how it's done.

God says...Nope

Goes the next oldest.....

Abinadab (Abeanadab)..... Nope...not him either

Shammah....(Shaw.Ma)...Nope he's not the one....

Continued....until 7 of the sons there passed by Samueal and He was like nope....

Is that it?

Youngest....not even here...off tending sheep

How Sad is that.....He wasn't even worth bringing to the meeting

That could really mess with you.

Then The Lord told Samuel....He is the one.....

From the outside....this made no sense...

Not the normal way

David wasn't the one is should be...not the one in position.

Here is the first TRUTH we can pull from DAVID in this story.

God sees you differently than those around you see you.

God saw something different in David.....His heart

The people all around him didn't see what God did

They were even people that loved him, cared for him.

Not enemies....they just didn't see it...

In the Natural it didn't make sense.
God is like that.....HE SEES YOU.....
He has a different PERSPECTIVE....
 He has the benefit of being your creator
 NO-one knows you like he does.
 When he leads you....believes in you....directs you...
 TRUST HIM.....He knows...

God even sees you differently than you see yourself.

He sees you for who you really are...and who you can be!!!
 Not what people, culture has told you...you are.
Sometimes we think God can only use a certain kind of person
 God Sees you different than you see yourself

VIDEO: YOU ARE NOT A LOST CAUSE

Look at the contrast.....of how GOD SEES YOU!!!

Might think you have messed up
 God could never use me
 But God Sees you different....Never a LOST CAUSE
Maybe struggle to see that God could use you just because of who you are.
 How you were made, Limitation, insecurities.
 God Sees you differently
David....Wasn't even WORTH inviting to the lineup.....for KING
 God didn't see his circumstance.....HE SAW His FUTURE
 He saw his heart....

Then What....David Goes back to doing what he was doing.....

He was anointed but Saul was still in charge.
He kept tending Sheep...doing what he was suppose to
Anointed king but being a lowly shepherd.....
He was introduced to Saul because he played the harp
 Saul was troubled and would called for him to Play harp
 He liked him and made him one of his armor bearers
 But still needed to tend the sheep....
 Go back and forth
During this time the Isrealites were at a constant battle with the Philistines
 1 Samuel 17 records this story
 It was battle day....lines were drawn
 Philistines on one side....valley....israelites on the other side.

1 Samuel 17:4 (NIV)

4 Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet[a] tall!

1 Samuel 17:8-9 (NIV)

8 Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. 9 If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us."

The Challenge has been Made.....

No one responded...

They were afraid of this giant....no one could defeat him in 1 on 1

He would come out everyday morning and night and taunt them

Bible says for 40 days....or in other words....a long time.

One Day David is sent by his father to bring food to his brothers

His brothers were with Saul on the frontlines

When David showed up Goliath came out for one of his tauntings...

David heard it and was like no way.....

1 Samuel 17:26 (NIV)

26 David 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?"

1 Samuel 17:32 (NIV)

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

This is the Little Shepherd Boy

The guy who slept in the field with sheep

The guy who wasn't even worth inviting home to see Samuel and line up

He steps up and Says....I'll go...

In Verse 38 they dress him in armor...that was way too big....

He says I can't go out in these...

Goes out to face Goliath in his plain clothes with just a sling shot and stones

This doesn't make sense...not how it should be done...
Who is this guy? Is this the best the Israelites have to offer?

With ONE STONE....Hits Goliath in the forehead....fall over
David runs up, grabs his sword and takes off his head.....
Goliath was Defeated.....By David the Little Shepherd Boy.....

This is a great Story.....but what lead David to be this hero...what set him up.....
It all started with David being faithful in the small things.
The Next Truth we can pull from David's Story

God Blesses those who are faithful with little.

David was anointed king by Samuel.....Then what did he do....????
Back to tending sheep.....humbly faithful
Could have said....i'm going to be king
This is beneath me....
I'm the anointed one....
Instead....faithfully back to the field

What did he do???
Played harp for Saul when called... humbly faithful
I should have to do this
Who do you think you are calling me like that....
Insteadfaithfully serving current king.

What did he do???
Brought his soldier brothers lunch... humbly faithful
He was picked over his brothers
Why am I bringing them lunch?

THEN.....In the middle of being faithful... Killed Goliath.....Eventually became KING
This is how it often happens
God does something huge in us....when we are just faithful
Not seeking for attention, or recognition, position.....

God Blesses those who are faithful with little

It is with the Little....that we learn to handle Much.....
It was in the field that he grew his faith...relationship with god...Trust
It was in the field he defended the sheep from a lion and Bear....
It was in the field with the sheep that he became who he was....

He didn't become the giant killer the morning he showed up the battlefield
No....It was in the field
When no one was looking
With no praise....recognition....attention....

We all want the..victory....the win....do something great....
But are we willing to humbly serve in the field?
Let God shape us into who he wants us to be with the small things?

Luke 16:10 (NIV)

10 "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."

Can I challenge you today....to not overlook the fields in your life

The small things....where no one is looking...
Moments that don't seem like they matter.....Be faithful....
The Opportunities to Serve your family, spouse, boss, coworkers.
Don't overlook the field where our Character is developed.....

Turns out that David needed the Character that he developed, relationship with God
Well beyond Goliath.
Because what happened next may have been more challenging than Goliath

1 Samuel 18:6-7 (NIV)

*6 When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs 7 As they danced, they sang:
"Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands."*

You can see the set up.....drama is coming.....storm cloud coming..

1 Samuel 18:9 (NIV)

9 And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.

Apparently a close eye on David means..... To repetitively try to kill him.
For the rest of Saul's life....the remaining portion of 1 Samuel
Saul is jealous and tries to kill David
Not just once...
Like....toss a spear at him while he was playing the harp
Then sorry....i should have done that I won't.

Then not long after he tries again....
Over and over
Then Sorry....marry my daughter.....and now I'm going to kill you.
Sending soldiers to hunt him down and kill him...

This is where David's Character comes in.....

In 1 Samuel 24 David is hiding out from Saul in Caves..
We were there on our Israel trip.
Saul is out looking for him with 3,000 men
Saul went in a cave to relieve himself
David was in the same cave.
His buddies were saying this is the day...kill him
God has delivered him into your hands.
Snuck up on him and cut a corner of his robe off
But did not harm him.
Saul got up and left and didn't notice
David was felt so guilty....heart thing....

1 Samuel 24:8-10 (NIV)

8 Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. 9 He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is bent on harming you'? 10 This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the LORD's anointed.'

This shows David's Character....As a Man after God's Heart.

Character of love and respect for the lord.....developed in the field
In Humility he would not Wrestle the position away from Saul
Or take it by killing him.
Many would say he had the right.....

Last truth we will pull from David this today!!! WORSHIP TEAM COMES

You are only responsible for your Character

You can only control you
You can't make others do what is right...
When others wrong us that does not give us permission to wrong them.

Often times we act as tho we need to be kind until someone isn't to us.
Once you cross me.....Gloves come off.

That is not the heart of God....David models this heart for us...

Saul tries to kill him over and over...

David had the opportunity to destroy him over and over.

Just because you have the right....or opportunity to destroy
doesn't mean you should

That is the Character that David learned in the field...Heart of God.....

And didn't loose with great power

Or Position or fame...

David went on to be the greatest human king to ever lead Israel...

Had his issues....another sermon....but

He was the greatest....

BOIL down to One thing.....

HIS HEART WAS RIGHT WITH GOD>

What a challenge for us today.....

Prayer is that we would have that heart....

Go into this song

Examine our heart

Would that be the baseline of success in how we live our lives

Altar:

1. Struggling to See your Value
God sees you different
Salvation
2. Promise of something great....stuck in the field
Strength to be faithful with the small
Joy in the unnoticed things.
3. Struggling with how others are Treating you
Want to or have been sacrificing your character to defend yourself
Only be responsible for YOUR CHARACTER

