

Message Notes | The Life of David

Part 1: Matters of the Heart

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→ what the Bible means by heart - **Proverbs 27:19**

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1. When you think of David, what has traditionally stood out to you most about his life? Why do you think that part of his story stands out to you?

2. **Read 1 Samuel 8:19-20, 9:2.** Before David was anointed, Israel already had a king named Saul.

- Why did Israel want a king?
- What qualities made Saul attractive as a king?

3. **Read vs. 1-6.** Samuel immediately assumes Eliab must be God's choice. Why? Why do you think people are naturally drawn to outward appearances?

How have you seen this tendency show up in our culture, workplace, school, etc?

4. **Read vs. 7.** What does it mean that the Lord looks at the heart?

How would you describe the difference between the outward appearance and the heart?

5. **Read vs. 8-13.** David was called "a man after God's own heart." It wasn't because he was perfect, but because he continually returned to God. Why is that distinction important?

How does it change the way you think about spiritual growth and following Jesus?

6. God desires a heart that turns to him in both good times and in bad. Which is harder for you personally? Turn towards God in difficult seasons or successful ones? Explain your answer.

7. As you reflect on this week's message, what is one way that you can become more intentional about prioritizing your heart over outward appearances?

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Bible Reading for Today

1 Samuel 16:1-13

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."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel 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?"

⁵ Samuel 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.

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."

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

¹² 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."

¹³ 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.