

# KEEPING SCORE

WHAT WE LOSE WHEN WE KEEP COUNT

**LEARN TO LET GOD KEEP SCORE  
OF ALL THAT COUNTS**

So Samuel did as the Lord instructed. When he arrived at **Bethlehem**, the elders of the town came **trembling** to meet him. “What’s wrong?” they asked. “Do you come in peace?”

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1 Samuel 16:4

**“Yes,” Samuel replied. “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then Samuel performed the purification rite for **Jesse** and **his sons** and invited them to the sacrifice, too.**

**1 Samuel 16:5**

When they arrived, Samuel took **one look** at **Eliab** and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!”

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1 Samuel 16:6

**But** the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his **appearance** or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t **see** things the way **you** see them. **People** judge by **outward appearance**, but the **Lord** looks at the **heart.**”

1 Samuel 16:7

**PEOPLE COUNT WHAT IS SEEN.**  
**GOD COUNTS WHAT IS UNSEEN.**

Then Jesse told his son **Abinadab** to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the Lord has chosen.” Next Jesse summoned **Shimea**, but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen.”

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1 Samuel 16:8-9



In the same way **all seven** of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. **But** Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has **not chosen** any of these." Then Samuel asked, "Are these **all** the sons you have?"

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1 Samuel 16:10-11

**SIFTING** IS A PROCESS TO  
**SIFTING** WHAT REALLY **COUNTS**

“There is still the **youngest**,” Jesse replied. “**But** he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.”

“Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”

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1 Samuel 16:11

**So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes.**

**And the Lord said, “**This** is the **one**; anoint him.”**

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**1 Samuel 16:12**

So as David stood there **among his brothers**, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came **powerfully** upon David from that day on.

1 Samuel 16:13

**GOD IS OFTEN THE GOD  
OF THE UNDERDOG**

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