

RAISING GIANT SLAYERS

Today is Father's Day and I'm so thankful for every father here today.

It's one thing to see your child born, to see them say their first words, and take their first steps, their first day of school – these things are a given for a father

But how many of you have asked God to let you see what He sees in your child?

Why does that matter, Pastor?

Because if you can see what God sees in your child, then you can ask the Holy Spirit to help you build in and speak life into the very direction and God-given purpose He's planned for your child

**Pro 18:21 Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue,
And those who love it will eat its fruit.**

Dad, could your words, actions, jokes, or lack of the release of a divine spirit of excellence and empowerment of the Spirit.

Could you be part of your child's lack of direction, purpose and passion?

Dad's your words carry a lot of weight, be sure to speak life if that's the fruit you hope to see in your child

So Dad's how do we raise giant slayers?

1 Samuel 16:1-13 Now the Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have ^[a]provided Myself a king among his sons."

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

But the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' ³ Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you."

⁴ So Samuel did what the Lord said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Sanctify^[b] yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

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^[c] refused him. For^[d] *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.” ¹⁰ Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen these.” 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^[e] sit down till he comes here.” ¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with^[f] bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

1. REALIZE GOD HAS AN ANOINTED PURPOSE FOR THEM

Jer 1:5-8 NKJV “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
Before you were born I sanctified^[a] you;
I^[b] ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ Then said I:

“Ah, Lord God!
Behold, I cannot speak, for I *am* a youth.”

⁷ But the Lord said to me:

**“Do not say, ‘I am a youth,’
For you shall go to all to whom I send you,
And whatever I command you, you shall speak.
⁸ Do not be afraid of their faces,
For I am with you to deliver you,” says the Lord.**

Dads, you must understand that God has gifts and callings for every child. Pray and invest in God’s plans and purposes for your kids’ lives

The God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever continues to call children to a life of purpose!

2. DADS REFUSE TO SEE WHAT MAN SEES

V. 6,7 Bible

Now the natural human choice would have been David’s older brother, Eliab who had an impressive stature and military look so he surely would be God’s chosen one to anoint!

God told Samuel that he had a divine rejection of the outward appearance

Why? Man looks at the outward appearance but God looks at the heart

God chose David, the youngest, smallest an overlooker, shepherd boy

God says Samuel if you can see what I see is true leadership, integrity, and a heart after me

We see in v. 13 David was anointed but not appointed it was almost 15 years before David actually became king

David’s dad Jessie didn’t even put David in the lineup with his brothers. Why?

He didn’t think he was old enough, strong enough, or smart enough

Jessie saw his son as a shepherd boy, God saw him as a giant slayer!

Dads, I encourage you to ask God to show you what He sees in your child and then start speaking into that purpose and calling. It’s not what you see but what God sees!

3. DADS PRAY THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS THEIR PURPOSE

V. 12,13 Bible

The act of Samuel pouring oil over David's head was the physical act that symbolized the infusion of the Holy Spirit

This was the moment God began to equip and empower every detail of David's life and began directing his steps

Dads, you play a divine role in your child's God-given purpose. Will you anoint them to be a giant slayer or an observer from the sideline?

Dad, will you empower them or will you sideline them?

The same Spirit that anointed David earlier empowered him again to slay his giant

1 Sam 17:41-47 NIV Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, kept coming closer to David. ⁴² He looked David over and saw that he was little more than a boy, glowing with health and handsome, and he despised him. ⁴³ He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴ "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

It's time Dads to be the men of God He's called us to be – to see our kids as God sees them and begin to pray and speak His purpose into fruition

Altar Call – Dad's anoint kids