

THE STORY
From Shepherd to King
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I Samuel 16-31
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How great and big is God?

Key Point: *No matter how big a box we have for God it is too small.*

We don't need a bigger box for God; we just need to get rid of the box all together.

David does three things:

Watches sheep

Plays his harp

Slings stones

SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID

Samuel was looking at the outward appearance and God said no.

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."
I Samuel 16:7 NIV

*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.*
I Samuel 16:12-13 NIV

CHAPTER ONE OF DAVID'S LIFE IS GOD'S _____.

God demonstrates how you do ministry. Listen to Him and don't put God in a box. You can't tell a person from their appearance.

Don't put the anointing of God in a box and tape it shut.
God uses whoever He wants to.

CHAPTER 2 OF DAVID'S LIFE: GOD _____

After David is anointed he goes back to watching sheep, singing with his harp and slinging stones.

Now the Israelites had been saying, "Do you see how this man keeps coming out? He comes out to defy Israel. The king will give great wealth to the man who kills him. He will also give him his daughter in marriage and will exempt his family from taxes in Israel."

26 ... Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"
I Samuel 17:25-26 NIV

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..."
I Samuel 17:45-46a

God has brought Himself down to our level and included us in the purpose and plan He has for the world.

GOD'S _____

Do you believe God can use anybody anytime to do anything He wants?

The basic problem with the church today is an unworthy concept of God. *Our God is too small.*

The God of the Story can be the God of your life. Do not put Him in a box.