

# GOD AND ORDINARY PEOPLE, LIKE US

“David... A Life Filled  
With SURPRISES” Pt. 1



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**16** Now the LORD said to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.”<sup>2</sup> But Samuel asked, “How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” “Take a heifer with you,” the LORD replied, “and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the LORD.”<sup>3</sup> Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me.”<sup>4</sup> 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?”<sup>5</sup> “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.<sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the LORD’s anointed!”<sup>7</sup> 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.”<sup>8</sup> 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.”<sup>9</sup> Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the LORD has chosen.”<sup>10</sup> 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.”<sup>11</sup> Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?” “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.”<sup>12</sup> So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, “This is the one; anoint him.”<sup>13</sup> 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. Then Samuel returned to Ramah. 1 Samuel 16:1–13 (NLT)

» God had/had his eyes on you from the moment of your conception and NOTHING went unnoticed!

» EVERYTHING you went/are going/will go through in life, God has already incorporated into his plan and is making it part of your story!

## Surprises Have A Way Of Changing History!!!

- God knows how to bring about the possible out of the impossible moments and situations!

- God will never subject himself to doing things our way ...He knows YOU, your capabilities and what’s best for you!

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1 Samuel 16:6–7 (NLT)

- If you and I will cooperate with God, even in those difficult times, he will set you up for extraordinary success!

...<sup>18</sup> One of the servants said to Saul, “One of Jesse’s sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the LORD is with him.”...  
1 Samuel 16:14–23 (NLT)

- Remember this: no matter what size your giant is, God wants to show you an easier way to slay it!

<sup>45</sup> David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel!”<sup>47</sup> And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD’s battle, and he will give you to us!”<sup>48</sup> As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. <sup>49</sup> Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground. 1 Samuel 17:45–49 (NLT)

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