

"God Helps Those Who...Obey"

Part three of the series: "Trending Truths: That's Not in the Bible"

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1 Samuel 16:13-23

Everyday obedience: your current assignment is always your most important assignment.

"But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him.'" (1 Samuel 17:34-35 ESV)

Everyday obedience: your character determines capacity.

The method God uses to shape our character:

1. Obscurity: For David these were hidden years as he "kept his father's sheep."
2. Monotony: That's being faithful in the menial, insignificant, routine, regular, unexciting, and uneventful tasks of life.
3. Reality: God uses our present circumstance to position us for the future.

Everyday obedience: the mundane becomes an altar.

The altar represented:

1. A place of sacrifice.
2. A place of worship.
3. A place for God's presence.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

"For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him..." (2 Chronicles 16:9)

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