

Made in Rejection

Part one of the series, "Made for Greatness: After God's Heart"

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1 Samuel 16:1-10 NIV

Greatness begins in the heart.

"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.'"

(1 Samuel 16:7 NIV)

"But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him ruler of his people, because you have not kept the Lord's command." (1 Samuel 13:14 NIV)

God sees you even when no one else sees you. (1 Samuel 16:11-13 NIV)

"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another."

(Psalm 75:6-7 KJV)

"Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵so that you may become blameless and pure, 'children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.' Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain."

(Philippians 2:14-16 NIV)

Choose to praise God rather than to earn the praises of man.

"...'Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice...'" (1 Samuel 15:22 NIV)

"You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." (Psalm 51:16-17 NIV)

"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." (Galatians 1:10 NIV)

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