

After God's Heart

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

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"The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.'...⁴Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, 'Do you come peaceably?'⁵And he said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before him.'⁷But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.'⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the Lord chosen this one.'¹⁰And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.'¹¹Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.'¹²And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the Lord said, 'Arise, anoint him, for this is he.'¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward..." (1 Samuel 16:1, 4-13 ESV)

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"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12 ESV)

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"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17 NIV)

Greatness comes as we walk in obedience to God.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.³He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever." (Psalm 23:1-6 ESV)

"So Saul said to his attendants, 'Find someone who plays well and bring him to me.'¹⁸One of the servants answered, 'I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the lyre. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the Lord is with him.'...²¹David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers.²²Then Saul sent word to Jesse, saying, 'Allow David to remain in my service, for I am pleased with him.'²³Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him." (1 Samuel 16:17-18, 21-23 NIV)