

# SAMUEL, SAUL, DAVID, AND GOD! 1 SAM. 16:1-13/14

**You can be anything you want to be! You can be anything you set your mind to be!**

Since the early 1800s, a belief has grown that no one can make any choices for me! Even God does not and really cannot make any choices for me! If He does, God seconds our choices!

## I. God chooses a king!

**1 Samuel 16:1-3**

**Ruth 4:17** And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, **There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of David.**

**Ruth 4:18** Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hezron, **Ruth 4:19** And Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, **Ruth 4:20** And Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, **Ruth 4:21** And Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, **Ruth 4:22** And Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

**1 Corinthians 4:7** For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?

**Mark 10:31** But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

**Matthew 20:16** So the last shall be first, and the first last:

for many be called, but few chosen.

**Matthew 22:14** For many are called, but few are chosen.

**You can be anything:**

➤ God wants you to be!	➤ God has gifted you to be!
➤ God has called you to be!	➤ God has prepared you to be!

## II. God **doesn't** choose those we would choose!

**1 Samuel 16:6** And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, **Surely** the LORD'S anointed is before him. **1 Samuel 16:7** But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. **1 Samuel 16:8** Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, **Neither** hath the LORD chosen this. **1 Samuel 16:9** Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, **Neither** hath the LORD chosen this. **1 Samuel 16:10** Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, **The LORD hath not chosen these.**

**Do we all think we are gifted with discernment?**

**1 Corinthians 12:10** To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

**Jeremiah 17:9** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

**Matthew 10:16** Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

**The vast majority of people are **biased**:**

➤ Toward the oldest...or the youngest!	➤ Toward the tallest
➤ Toward the best-looking	➤ Toward the nicest
➤ Toward the biggest	➤ Toward the smartest
➤ Toward our friends &/ family	➤ Toward our kind &/ color
➤ Toward those who make us comfortable	

**1 Samuel 9:2** And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

**1 Samuel 10:23** And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. **1 Samuel 10:24** And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is **none** like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

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**1 Chronicles 28:9** And thou, Solomon my son, **know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.**

**2 Samuel 14:25** But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as **Absalom** for his **beauty**: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was **no blemish in him.**

**2 Samuel 14:26** And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight.

**1 Kings 1:5** Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. **1 Kings 1:6** And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? **and he also was a very goodly man;** and his mother bare him after Absalom.

**Isaiah 52:14** As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

**Isaiah 53:3** He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

### III. God chooses those we wouldn't (think to) choose!

**1 Samuel 16:11** And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, **There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.** And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. **1**

**Samuel 16:12** And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. **1 Samuel 16:13** Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. **1 Samuel 16:14** **But** the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

**1 Samuel 13:14** But now thy kingdom shall not continue: **the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart,** and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

**Acts 13:22** ...**he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.**

**Psalms 78:70** He **chose** David also his servant, and **took** him from the sheepfolds: **Psalms 78:71** From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance. **Psalms 78:72** So he fed them **according to the integrity of his heart;** and **guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.**

#### Characteristics that mattered:

##### Matters of the heart

##### Matters of skill

##### Matters of integrity

**2 Samuel 23:1** Now these be the last words of David... **2 Samuel 23:3** The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, **He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.**

David doesn't always look good! He doesn't even look as good as Saul!

- We know so much more about David
- We know so little of Saul

### IV. God uses us in that choosing process!

**1 Samuel 16:1** And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? **fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.**

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#### 3 dangers:

- **Over-estimating**
- **Under-estimating**
- **Under involved &/ discouraging**