

## *“The Life of David” – I*

**INTRODUCTION:** It’s easy to identify with David, who faced the struggles we do every day, sometimes failing, and sometimes victorious.

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- David was a young, obscure shepherd boy, the youngest of Jesse.
- Samuel was an old Prophet/Judge/Priest.

**1 Samuel 8:1-3** – Samuel’s wicked sons now judged Israel.

**8:4-5** – Israel now wanted a KING, like other nations – **8:7,9**

- They got their wish, but regretted it – Psalm 106:15

**13:13-14** – King Saul was disqualified as King.

- *“A man after His own heart”* – i.e., *“sold out”* to God.
- God wants to make ordinary people great – 1 Cor. 1:26-29

**16:1** – Samuel gets specific directions about the new King.

**16:2a** – Saul was often irrational, but God used it to shape the character of David ... Is there a *“Saul”* in your life?

**16:2b-3** – Nobody has a *“clue”* as to what God’s up to – **16:4**

**16:5-6** – Jesse didn’t have a *“clue”*, but presents his sons.

**16:7** – Eliab, the oldest, is ruled out.

**16:8** – Abinadab is ruled out ... as is Shammah – **16:9**

- What was God looking for? **13:14, 16:7** – *“heart”*.

**16:10-11** – Samuel wants ALL of Jesse’s sons to appear before him.

**16:12-13** – David is chosen as the NEXT King, not the NEW King.

**16:17-19** – Saul gets depressed and looks for comfort with music.

- David is out tending his sheep ... that’s his JOB!

**17:14-15** – The Philistines arrive to do battle with Israel.

- David was out tending his sheep.

**3 LESSONS** we can learn from David’s call:

- 1 Be Open To Do God’s Will – Follow God TODAY.
- 2 Be Ready When God Calls You – God knows where to find you.
- 2 Be Sensitive To Opportunities God Sends Your Way

**CONCLUSION:**

- God is *“noticing”* you ... RIGHT NOW!
- God wants to do great things in your life ... BE READY.
- You’ll be amazed at where God will LEAD you.