

THE LIVING ROOM
COMMUNITY CHURCH

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AFTER GOD'S HEART (PART 1)
WHAT MATTERS MOST

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"The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.'² But Samuel said, 'How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me.' The Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord."³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.'

⁴ Samuel did what the Lord said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, 'Do you come in peace?' ⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands here before the Lord.'⁷ 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 humans look at. Human beings look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, 'The Lord has not chosen this one either.'⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, 'Nor has the Lord chosen this one.'¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The Lord has not chosen these.'

¹¹ So he asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered, 'but he is tending the sheep.' Samuel said, 'Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.'¹² So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; he is the one.'¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah." -1 Samuel 16:1-13

By choosing David, what is God saying?

In those days, everything went to the firstborn – all rights, all property, all privileges. And God is saying that He's breaking into the ordinary cultural practices of human life. He is doing a new thing.

"Human beings consider outward appearances, God looks at the heart."

-1 Samuel 16:7b

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Three Things That Made David Greathearted

1. David's heart was characterized by a sense of _____.

"I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart, I will tell of all your wonders."

-Psalm 9:1

"I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."

-2 Samuel 24:24b

2. David's heart was characterized by _____.

"Search me, O God, and know my heart." -Psalm 139:23a

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul." -Psalm 23:1-3a

"Solitude molds self-righteous people into gentle, forgiving people who are so deeply convinced of their own great sinfulness, and so fully aware of God's even greater mercy, that their life itself becomes a ministry." -Henri Nouwan

3. David's heart was characterized by _____.

"And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them."

-Psalm 78:72

"Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most."

-1 Samuel 20:41b