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Chosen by God

A Call to Be His Steward

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When we tell the story of David to our children, we usually focus on the section where a young boy defeats the giant Goliath with a slingshot. However, David's story started long before the battle with Goliath. One of the remarkable moments in his life was when he was chosen by God.



GOD MAKES THE SELECTION

God sent Samuel, His prophet, on an important mission: "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king" (1 Samuel 16:1). Equipped with his horn full of oil, he went to Bethlehem. God guided him to the house of Jesse, and Samuel asked to see his sons. He examined Eliab, the eldest son, and thought, This must be the one! But God said, "No, not him!" Jesse introduced six more sons to Samuel. None of them was the one chosen.

Confused, Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" (1 Samuel 16:11). Hesitantly, Jesse answered that the youngest one was keeping the sheep. Immediately, Samuel asked to see him. When the little

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shepherd walked in, God told Samuel, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one” (1 Samuel 16:12). Samuel obeyed and poured oil on David’s forehead. David was not the choice of his dad, his brothers, or even the prophet Samuel. He was chosen by God Himself.



THREE BIG LESSONS FROM THE SELECTION OF DAVID

The story of David’s selection reveals three things about God’s selection:

1. *God chooses before you accomplish anything.* When God chose David, he was not yet a giant killer. He was only a shepherd boy. But when David accepted God’s selection, the Bible says that “the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David” (1 Samuel 16:13), and God created opportunities for him to learn and grow. Sometime after his selection, David became a part-time musician and armor-bearer for King Saul. God will always make a way for you to be where you can learn, grow, and prepare for your life’s purpose.
2. *God does not choose by looking at the outside.* God’s selection is not like a beauty pageant or a bodybuilding competition. God reminded the prophet Samuel: “Do not consider his appearance or his height... 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). We tend to apply standards of our own invention to ourselves and others. As a result, we are prone to disqualifying ourselves and others based on superficial, external, and preconceived criteria.
3. *God’s timing is different.* Even though God chose David, he did not become king right away. David probably did not fully understand Samuel’s action. He only knew that God had chosen him, and he moved ahead. He had to trust God and be patient for 15 long years before he became king.

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ALL ARE SELECTED

Were you ever picked last in a game when you were a child or completely left out? I was. I felt sad, and realized that the right thing is to include everyone when we are playing or having

fun. Unfortunately, the experience of being left out can happen even in our relationships and in our professional lives. We may be overlooked in favor of someone else, and sometimes we go through the pain of being excluded entirely.

Life teaches an important lesson: Just because you are not chosen, does not mean you're bad, incapable, or have done something wrong. It could be the person selecting is looking for certain qualities that you might not have or is simply not seeing your awesome qualities. However, even if people don't recognize our great qualities, God does. The Bible teaches us that God has selected all of us. 1 Peter 2:9 says: "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Jesus told His disciples that they were His friends, and then He announced, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last" (John 15:16). How encouraging it is to know that God

has chosen us to be His friends and special people. God has handpicked us for something great. Receiving the Spirit of the Lord comes with many benefits. First, you feel God's presence and realize you are not alone when facing difficulties. Knowing this chases away fear and makes you bold and courageous. Next, the Spirit of the Lord equips us

with talents and abilities. We can do things better or simply accomplish new things. It transforms us into better people. Finally, we start sharing Jesus, the Divine Chooser, with others.

CHOSEN AS GOD'S STEWARD

As descendants of Adam and Eve, we share a core identity: God has chosen us as His stewards (Genesis 1:28). Everything else flows from this foundational truth. It implies that God is the Owner of all and the Provider for all, and humans are His



managers. This is the greatest honor and privilege conferred upon any of His creatures.

Additionally, the Owner has provided a clear job description to His human managers, one that aligns with His own identity:

- As He is the Creator . . . He calls us to live as His creatures.
- As He is the Provider . . . He calls us to depend on Him.
- As He is the Model . . . He calls us to be His representatives.
- As He is the Triune God . . . He calls us to prioritize

relationships.

- As He is the Master . . . He calls us to serve with humility.

Sadly, humanity has fallen into temptations of the enemy, believing that we could become owners in the place of the real Owner (Genesis 3:5). As a result, Satan became the prince of the world (John 12:31). However, through perfect obedience, Jesus became the new steward, the One under whose feet the Father has put everything (Ephesians 1:22; 1 Corinthians 15:27).

Now, as Redeemer, Jesus invites us to be forgiven and empowered as joyful stewards. Those who receive His salvation are entrusted with His wealth— His gifts, His resources and His mission.

We are His treasure.

We are His chosen.

And as His stewards, no one is left out!



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