



Pushing Beyond Boredom

Developing Heart

1 Samuel 16

David – God's chosen
vs. Saul – Man's Chosen

Having the heart
...not merely looking the part

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- ¹And 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.
- ²And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.
- ³And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.
- ⁴And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?
- ⁵And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.
- ⁶And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.
- ⁷But 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.

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

⁹Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

¹⁰Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

¹¹And 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.

¹²And 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.

¹³Then 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.

This anointing is followed by
another 30 years of Saul

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Solitude molds self-righteous people into gentle, caring, forgiving persons 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.

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What do monks pray?

Most high and glorious God bring light to the
darkness of my heart.

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certain hope
and perfect charity.

Pushing Beyond Boredom

Pushes into deeper thinking, searching and finding; growing truer expression of the heart.

A rose in a slanted vase

A long untouched instrument

An art

A song sung – perfected with feeling

Having Heart

Ps. 119:34

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy
law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole
heart.

Ps. 139:23 Search me, O God, and know
my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Ps. 27:10 When my father and my mother
forsake me, then the LORD will take me
up.

Psalms 78

70 He chose David also his servant, and took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

Poor Man's Shepherd 1 Sam 16:7

- No applauding
 - Sheep couldn't give battle reports
- Protecting the dependant and not cooperating
- God becomes His companion and audience

David's Training Ground

Psalms 78

to Develop;

- **Humility** – 70 *...and took him from the sheepfolds:*
- **Sensitivity** – 71 *From following the ewes great with young he brought him to feed Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.*
- **Integrity** – What one does in a tight spot when no one else is looking.
72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

Mt. 25:23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

