

**[SERMON NOTES]**

**From Ordinary to Anointed and Back Again**

(1 Samuel 15:10 - 16:13)

Partial \_\_\_\_\_ is never the goal in the Kingdom.

There is only one \_\_\_\_\_ in the Kingdom, and it's not \_\_\_\_\_.

Man looks on the \_\_\_\_\_, God looks at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(series tension)

A \_\_\_\_\_ God uses an \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
(series thesis)

**Further notes:**

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**[QUICK REVIEW]**

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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**[MY STORY]**

**FUN:** We have all probably dreamed of being kings or queens before. ***If you could rule anything or anywhere, what would your kingdom or queendom be over and/or where would it be in the world?***

**SERIOUS:** Just like King David, sometimes the people we look up to aren't everything we think they are. ***What have been some of the hardest things you've learned or experienced as a result of realizing someone you looked up to wasn't everything you had thought they were?***

### [DIGGING DEEPER]

This week, we were introduced to two main characters in the Life of David: Saul and David. One of the most important pieces of the early story of David is the contrast between himself and Saul. **Read 1 Samuel 10:1-10 and 1 Samuel 16:6-13. Take note of and list out any similarities and differences between Saul and David in these passages below.**

It may have surprised you how much David and Saul seemed to have in common—at least in their anointing narratives—but one of the foundational ideas of our series on the Life of David comes from 1 Samuel 16:7, which begins with, “*The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance...*” **What are some of the things that people look at first? How do humans tend to prioritize and characterize people they meet?** List these below.

1 Samuel 16:7 continues, saying... “*but the LORD looks at the heart.*” At the end of the day, God was more concerned about the contents of each of these men’s hearts. **What are some of the things that God looks at? What are the kinds of things he looks for?** List them below.

***In what ways can you look less at the things that people tend to focus on and instead focus on what God is looking for, both in your own personal life and the lives of others around you?***

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### [WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). As a church, we believe that! Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend’s message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

**1 Samuel 15-16**

**Hebrews 4**

**Proverbs 21**

**Jeremiah 17**