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I Am Second I Samuel 16-18



Anything of true value is worth waiting for.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for God’s mission

I am Second is a movement meant to inspire people to live for God and for others. Athletes, actors and others live the truth that God is first and we are second, and all is done for His glory. In this week’s study we see the future king, David, embodying this concept, in contrast to the reigning king, Saul. The story begins with God setting the stage for David’s future kingship. He tells Samuel to stop grieving about Saul and to go anoint one from Bethlehem as king. When he arrives the seven sons of Jesse parade before him, but none is God’s choice; He looks not at the outward appearance, but the heart. Finally, they call the youngest, David, who was tending the sheep; this is God’s choice as future king. As God’s Spirit comes upon him, He departs from Saul,

who is then terrorized by an evil spirit. They look for a musician to play for Saul who can drive away this evil spirit, and they “happen” to find David. He is then summoned to join the court of Saul. After this the Philistines, led by their fearsome warrior, Goliath, go to war against Israel. He is a literal giant, over nine feet tall, and all Israel and Saul are afraid of him. David is not one of Israel’s warriors, but as he takes supplies to his brothers he hears this Philistine taunt Israel and the true God. Finding out that a reward of marriage to Saul’s daughter is promised to the one who can defeat Goliath, he volunteers for the job, although opposed by his brother. Saul allows him to do this, and after trying out Saul’s armor, David instead takes five stones, killing him

with a slingshot. His stand against the enemy then leads to their total defeat. Then, more success comes when Jonathan, Saul’s son, becomes his friend and then he is known as the one who killed ten thousand, in contrast to Saul’s thousand. Success leads to suspicion, however, and Saul seeks to eliminate him. First, he throws a spear at him, and then he tries to put him into battle situations where the enemy will kill him. Nothing works, and he rather accomplishes greater victories, even gaining Michal, Saul’s daughter as a wife. In all this David gives the glory to God since, as he would certainly say, “I am Second”.

Study Questions for I Samuel 16-18

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

<p>1. Read 1 Sam 16:1-13. What did God say to Samuel and why (v1)? What did he fear (v2) and what was God’s answer (v2-3)? How did this work out (v4-6, 8-11)? Describe David (v12-13). Why did he fit God’s plan (v7)?</p>	
<p>2. Using 16:14-23 what happened to Saul (v14-15) and what did he do about it (v16-17)? Who was provided (v19-20) and what was he like (v18)? What did he do for Saul (v21-22) and how did it go (v23)?</p>	
<p>3. From 17:1-11 who did they battle (v1) and what approach was presented to settle the conflict (v2-3, 4, 8-10)? What was Goliath like (v4-7) and what was Saul and Israel’s reaction to all this (v11)?</p>	

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I Samuel 16-18 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. In 1 Sam 17:12-23 who is introduced (v12) and what was his family like (v12-14)? What was his role (v15, 17-19)? What did he do (v20, 22) and what did he observe (v16, 21, 23)?

5. Using 17:24-40 what did David hear about (v24-27) and how did he respond (v26, 29-30)? How did his brother (v28) and Saul (v31, 33) react? In what 2 things was David confident (v34-35, 36-37, 39-40) and what was Saul's confidence (v38-39)?

6. Recount the story of David and Goliath in 17:41-50—how did Goliath treat him (v41-44) and how did David respond (v45-47)? What happened (v48-49)? What's the point (v50)?

7. Looking at 17:51-58 what were the results of David's victory for Israel (v51, 52-54) and for himself (v55-58)? Why is this significant?

8. From 18:1-9 what developed positively after this for David (v1-4, 5, 6-7)? Describe his relationship with Jonathan (v1-4)? What occurred negatively (v8-9)?

9. Based on 18:10-19 how did Saul begin to treat David (v11, 13) and why (v10, 12)? How did Israel feel about him (v16)? What else did Saul do that was wrong to David (v17-19)?

10. In 19:20-30 who else did Saul use to hurt David (v20-21) and how did he do this (v22-24, 25)? How did David respond (v23, 26) and how did it all turn out (v27-29, 30)?

11. Thinking back over the study, how did God prepare David to be king (16:13-23; 17:20-49; 18:5, 17-30) and why was he chosen (16:7)? Why was he successful against the enemy (16:13; 17:36, 45; 18:12) and what did his success lead to? How can we learn from David's example?

Scripture to Remember

“The Lord does not deliver
by sword or by spear; for
the battle is the Lord's.”

I Samuel 17:47b

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Life Group Questions—Who Am I and Here's Why-Part 1 (Identity Theft-Ex 3-4)
(Using questions from Sunday's sermon, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship, helping us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group what your past was like growing up. Discuss how the past affects us, both positively and negatively.
2. Read Exod 4:1. What was Moses' underlying fear? Explain his past and why he probably thought it disqualified him. Share how you have felt this way and why.
3. Which of the 3 ways of dealing with your past—powering up, becoming passive, or pressing through it—are most typical of you? How has that worked out in your life?
4. Tell the group of how God has helped you deal with your past by 1) His calling of you 2) His changing you and 3) His commissioning of you? Be specific.
5. Why is confession so important in overcoming our past? Explain the 3 directions of confession (inward, upward, outward) and why each is necessary.
6. Discuss what it means to “cover it [our past] with grace”. Why is it true that it can't be covered with God's grace until it is honestly confessed?
7. Talk about some of the ways that God is changing you to be used by Him, in spite of your past. Then, if you have time discuss anything else meaningful to you from the message.