

THE HEART OF THE KING

1 Samuel 16:1-13
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INTRO

David...his significance and his story.

A. GOD'S WILL IS ALWAYS AHEAD IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

1. God's plan is thwarted by human actions (v. 1a)
2. God's plan will triumph over any circumstance (v. 1b)

B. GOD'S WILL REQUIRES ACTION

1. God understands our fear (v. 2-3)
2. God wants us to step out in faith (v. 4-5)

C. GOD'S WILL GOES BEYOND APPEARANCE

1. We should avoid relying on purely human responses (v. 6-10)
2. We need to seek divine wisdom all the time (v. 11-12)

D. GOD'S WILL RESULTS IN HIS ANOINTING

1. God's anointing brings favor (v. 13a)
2. God's anointing brings enablement (v. 13b)

CONCLUSION

My response:

1. Receive God's unwavering love and the assurance that He forgives our sins, allowing us to move forward in His grace.
2. Ask for God's guidance in discerning His will and the courage to follow Him, regardless of outward appearance.

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Icebreaker: What comes to your mind about the character of David.

1. Why did God reject Saul as king, and what was Samuel's task after this rejection?
2. Why was Samuel hesitant to go to Bethlehem to anoint a new king, and how did God address his concerns?
3. How did Samuel initially react when he saw Jesse's eldest son, Eliab, and why?
4. What does God's response to Samuel in verse 7 reveal about God's criteria for choosing a leader?
5. Why were Jesse's other sons not chosen by God, and what does this tell us about God's selection process?
6. What was David doing when Samuel arrived, and how does this detail contribute to the narrative?
7. How did the anointing of David affect him, according to verse 13?
8. How can we apply the principle of "God looks at the heart" in our daily lives?
9. What does the story of David's anointing teach us about God's timing and preparation?

Closing: Ask for God's guidance in discerning His will and the courage to follow Him, regardless of outward appearances.