



Relationship Wisdom: Parenting Woes

Session #4: Jesse and David

QUOTE:

"The greatest gift you can give your child is not only your love, but the belief in their potential to succeed." -*Unknown*-

1 Samuel 16:10–11 (NASB95) —

10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 And said to Jesse, "Are these all the children?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he is tending the sheep." Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here."

OPENING DISCUSSION:

Is there a time in your life when you've felt like the 'last pick' or 'the one no one thought of'? How did you respond to that? What did you learn from the experience?

Pastor's Big Point:

Whether we are parents or not, we all have experienced the influence of those who raised us. In the case of David, though his father Jesse did not initially see his worth or potential, God had a different plan. Jesse's oversight of David, dismissing him as merely the youngest tending sheep, reflects how sometimes, even those who love us most can overlook or underestimate our gifts. However, God's calling is not determined by human perspective. Just as David was chosen by God despite being disregarded by his own father, we too can find ourselves in situations where we feel overlooked or undervalued. Yet, God's timing and purpose will always prevail, and He will elevate us in ways that defy human expectations. Our challenge is to recognize the truth of who we are in God's eyes, despite past wounds or the limitations others have placed on us. Just like David, we must rise above the opinions of others and trust in God's plan for our lives.



Pastors Teaching Points:

1. Overlooked and Unchosen
2. Unmentioned, yet Chosen
3. Chosen and Scorned

Additional Scripture:

1 Samuel 17:28-29

1. Why do you think Jesse overlooked David when choosing a son to present to Samuel? How do you think being overlooked by his father shaped David's perspective on his potential?
2. How can we, as family members or leaders, make sure that we never overlook or devalue someone, especially when they may be different or in a humble position?
3. Conversely, when we see but don't necessarily understand the favor of God on others, how do we guard our hearts from being bitter or resentful? How do we ensure we are supporting others toward the greatness God has for them?