

God Calls and Prepares David

As humans, we are drawn to strong, confident leaders. In 1 Samuel, God assures us that he's not looking at appearances. As we study the accounts of David's anointing and his battle with Goliath, we'll learn what God looks for in the heart of a leader. We'll see how God prepares the people he calls, and discuss what that means for us when he calls us to partner with him in his work in the world today.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How would you describe the qualities of a good leader as compared to a bad leader?
- What is causing any uncertainty, anxiety, fear, or overwhelm in your life right now?



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READ [1 Samuel 16-17](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Where do you see evidence in your community that it is still true that humans tend to consider outward signs, like appearance, height, or position, when choosing leaders or who they want on their team, etc?
- As hosts Darrell Delaney and Scott Hoezee reflected on the gap between David's anointing and his actual kingship, they noted that it was a time God used to form David's character and develop the skills he would need for the big moments later. When have you experienced a long, in-between time that felt like a waste of time, or like a time when you just went about your daily tasks? In hindsight, what character formation or skill development did God work in you during that time?
- As Scott closed segment 2, he said, "When we remember the past, we are often strengthened for the future." David remembered how, during his time of waiting, God prepared him to face Goliath even as David faithfully did his job protecting sheep. This was David's testimony. What is your testimony of how God prepared you? Are there testimonies you've heard about God at work in the lives of your friends or family, preparing them for their calling?
- Do you find it easy or difficult to go in faith toward the challenges in your life, trusting God with the outcomes, even when you feel afraid? Why?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Genesis 4:1-5](#), [Genesis 27](#), [Genesis 37:1-11](#), [Exodus 3](#), [Deuteronomy 8](#), [Psalm 145](#)

CONCLUSION

The record of David's anointing and the story of his confrontation with Goliath helps us understand what God looks for in the hearts of his people. It lets us see how he might be preparing us in our own seasons of waiting to serve his kingdom in big ways. Close your time of study in prayer, asking God to help you act decisively and trust God fully, as David did. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you see the inward truths of God and see the world through his eyes.

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