

4.7 God Chooses David

Unit 2: God Calls Us

1 Samuel 16:1-13 & Psalm 51:1-14

10/15 & 10/19

Unit Verse: “But now, O Jacob, listen to the LORD who created you. O, Israel, the one who formed you says, “Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you, I have called you by name; you are mine.”

The Point & Call Back:
GOD > Calls US!

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

We continue with another “call” story - a story about God inviting someone to become a leader. Last week we learned about Israel’s great prophet, Samuel. Now we are moving on to David, and, in the weeks to come, we will hear the stories of Solomon and Elijah.

STORY SUMMARY: God Chooses David

Our world teaches us to look on outward signs of worth, such as a person’s appearance or wealth or power. But God sees things differently. God could see David would be a good king even if he looked just like a kid to the rest of the world. Even Samuel has difficulty figuring out which man should be king when he sees the men lined up. But as we learned last week, Samuel has cultivated a listening heart from a very young age and can hear and recognize God’s voice. Samuel’s intention is to follow God’s will, even if he does not understand it at first. Therefore, when he understands David is the chosen one, he trusts God’s wisdom and makes the choice public. The Bible calls David a “man after God’s own heart.” This means that David understood what God wanted, and David wanted to serve God. As God can see our hearts and who we really are, God can also see what our hearts need. God provides us the love and support we need to heal from our mistakes and hurts, and to grow stronger in our journey with God.

THE POINT: God sees beyond the exterior to what is within our hearts.

In this story, we are reminded that God sees things differently than we do. God does not pick the oldest and strongest of Jesse’s sons but waits until young David is called in from the fields. While we may feel buried in our past and our mistakes, God is able to see the gifts and dreams often hidden to the rest of the world.

BIBLE NUTS & BOLTS: OT Divisions

The OT is divided into four sections: the Pentateuch (or Torah), books of the Law. Historical books, Writings or Wisdom Literature which also include poetic books such as the Psalms. And then the Prophets (minor/major). These divisions help to identify the themes and types of literature of the books

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: Service

We may not feel that we have much to offer to others, but each of us can give in some way. Because God can see the hidden truths in our lives, God also knows what we are capable of and calls us to service that matches our special giftedness. What gifts do you have that you can use to serve others and serve God.

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Hope Youth Volunteer,

We are continuing to work our way through the Old Testament. Samuel continues to answer the call of God! Samuel trusted God when he chooses David even though he was not the obvious choice. I am so grateful that God doesn't look at the outside but that he looks at the heart. He sees things that we can't. He knows the gifts and talents that we have that we may not even know about. He sees who we really are and what we can do to advance His kingdom.

We at Hope see your heart for our youth. We love that you said yes. We pray that you are enjoying your service to the Lord.

Blessings,

The Youth Team.