

God's Unlikely King
1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sometimes God's way seems all wrong

Mark 4:18-19

[The] seed sown among thorns, hear(s) the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.

1 Samuel 13:13; 15:19, 21-22

The LORD would have permanently established your reign over Israel, "Why did you not obey the Lord? "You have been foolish. You have not kept the command which the LORD your God gave you. To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

**23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination,
and arrogance like the evil of idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the
Lord, he has rejected you as king.”**

1 Samuel 16:1

“How long are you going to mourn for Saul,
since I have rejected him as King over Israel?”

Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you
to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have selected
a king from his sons.

(v.2) Samuel asked, “How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me!” The Lord answered, “Take a young cow with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’”

Protective fear vs. Paralyzing fear.

The root of paralyzing fear is any threat to my identity. It surfaces when something that makes me feel in control is threatened or taken away.

“[Anxiety and worry] occurs only as a hangover of bad habits established when we were trusting things—like human approval, wealth [and security]—[things] that were certain to let us down.

—Dallas Willard

1 Samuel 16:3-4

Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for Me the one I indicate to you.” 4 Samuel did what the Lord directed and went to Bethlehem.

(v.5) “I’ve come [in peace] to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

(v.6) When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and said, “Certainly the Lord’s anointed one is here before Him.”

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seems all wrong.

1. GOD SEES ME (v.6-7)

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and said, "Certainly the Lord's anointed one is here before Him."

(v.1) “I have seen Me among Jesse’s sons a King.”

1 Samuel 16:7

When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and said, “Certainly the Lord’s anointed one is here before Him.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or his stature, because I have rejected him. Man does not see what the Lord sees, for man sees what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart.”

2. God sees me and is leading me [even when God's way seems all wrong].

1 Samuel 16:10

After Jesse presented seven of his sons to him, Samuel told Jesse, “The Lord hasn’t chosen any of these.” 11 Samuel asked him, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” he answered, “but right now he’s tending the sheep.” Samuel told Jesse, “Send for him. We won’t sit down to eat until he gets here.”

12 So Jesse sent for him. He had beautiful eyes and a healthy, handsome appearance. Then the Lord said, "Anoint him, for he is the one." 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil, anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the Spirit of the Lord took control of David from that day forward.

Psalm 89:19-20; 25-29

Once you spoke in a vision, to your faithful people you said: “I have bestowed strength on a warrior; I have raised up a young man from among the people. 20 I have found David my servant; with my sacred oil I have anointed him. (Continued...)

25 I will set his hand over the sea, his right hand over the rivers. 26 He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.' 27 And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth. 28 I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail. 29 I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure.

(v.13) Then Samuel set out and went to Ramah.

Aligned with God's word, what's the next right thing for me to do? Will this lead me closer to the Good Shepherd?

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me and is leading me