

1 Samuel 16:4-12 (NKJV) So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him!" 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." ...10 Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." 12 So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.

Before the Giant You Must

1. LEARN HOW TO HANDLE REJECTION – This is where our Identity is Tested.

- **1 Samuel 16:11** (NKJV) And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep."

a) Have a Good Attitude – don't internalize

- **1 Samuel 16:12** (NKJV) Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking.

b) Realize You Can Be Rejected by People and Still Selected by God

- **1 Samuel 16:12** (NKJV) ... And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"
- **1 Samuel 16:7** (NKJV) Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.
- **Genesis 1:26** (NKJV) Let us create man in our image and after our likeness...

c) Rejection Can't Stop What God Has for You if You Respond the Right Way

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2. KNOW HOW TO HANDLE SUCCESS – This is Where Our Character is Tested.

- **1 Samuel 16:13** (NKJV) Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.
- **1 Samuel 17:15** (NKJV) But David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.
- **Deuteronomy 8:11-14,17-18** (NKJV) "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God ... 12 lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; 13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; 14 when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God....— 17 then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' 18 "And you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day

- **1 Samuel 17:17** (NKJV) Then Jesse said to his son David, ‘Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp
- **Luke 16:10** (NKJV) He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much...

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 **3. PROPERLY STEWARD THE GIFTS GOD HAS GIVEN YOU – The Competency Test.**

- **1 Samuel 16:14–19** (NKJV) But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him... Then one of the servants answered and said, ‘Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing... and the LORD is with him.’ Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, ‘Send me your son David, who is with the sheep.’
- **1 Samuel 16:18** (NKJV) ...skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech... and the LORD is with him.
- **1 Samuel 17:39** (NKJV) I cannot walk with these, for I have not tested them.

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 **4. UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS DEVELOPED.**

- **Psalms 23:4** (NKJV) “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”
- **Psalms 23:5** (NKJV) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...
- **1 Samuel 17:37** (NKJV) Moreover David said, ‘The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.’

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