

The Life of David Part 4 – What Do You Do With It Once You Get It?

1 Samuel 16:6–7

When they arrived, Samuel looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s **anointed** is before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the **outward appearance**, but the Lord looks at the **heart**.”

1 Samuel 16:11-12

So he asked Jesse, “Are these **all** the sons you have?” “There is still the **youngest**,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the **sheep**.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the **one**.”

LESSON LEARNED

It's not about me...It's God's Will, God's Way in God's Time.

1 Samuel 24:4

The men said, “This is the day **the Lord** spoke of when he said to you, ‘**I will give your enemy** into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’”

1 Samuel 24:12

May the **Lord** judge between you and me. And may the **Lord** avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but **my hand** will not touch you.”

1 Samuel 26:7–9

So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head. Abner and the soldiers were lying around him. Abishai said to David, “Today **God has delivered your enemy** into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I won’t strike him twice.”

But David said to Abishai, “Don’t destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the Lord’s anointed and be **guiltless**?”

2 Samuel 4:8–12

They brought the head of Ish-Bosheth to David at Hebron and said to the king, “Here is the head of Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, your **enemy**, who tried to **kill** you. This day **the Lord** has avenged my Lord the king against Saul and his offspring.”

David answered Reka and his brother Baanah...“ As surely as the **Lord** lives, who has **delivered me** out of every trouble...when someone told me, ‘Saul is dead,’ and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and put him to death... That was the **reward** I gave him for his news!

How much more—when wicked men have killed an **innocent man** in his own house and on his own bed should I not now demand his blood from your hand and rid the earth of you!”

So David gave an order to his men, and they killed them. ...But they took the head of Ish-Bosheth and **buried** it in Abner’s tomb at Hebron.

2 Samuel 5:1–4

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “We are your own flesh and blood. In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who **led** Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, ‘You will **shepherd** my people Israel, and you will become their **ruler**.’” When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron **before the Lord** and they **anointed David king** over Israel. David was **thirty** years old when he became king, and he reigned **forty** years.

John 13:1

It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus **knew** that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father

John 13:3–5

Jesus **knew** that the Father had put **all things** under his **power**, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples’ feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

John 13:14–15

Now that I, your **Lord** and Teacher, have washed your feet, **you** also should wash **one another's** feet. I have set you an **example** that you should **do** as I have **done** for you.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a leader, boss, or coach that was influential in your life. What was it about that person that made him or her influential?
2. Read 1 Samuel 16:7. To what extent do you think our culture looks at outward appearance as a qualification for leadership instead of the heart?
3. Talk about a time when you were given authority and didn't lead well. What happened?
4. Read John 13:3–15. If you had been in that room with Jesus and his disciples, how do you think you would have responded to what Jesus did? Why would you have responded that way?
5. In what area of your life do you currently have authority? What is one thing you can do this week to leverage your power for the benefit of the people you lead?

MOVING FORWARD

Perhaps the greatest indicator of your maturity is how you handle authority, power, and influence. When you're the most powerful person in the room, look for feet to wash. Leverage your power for the benefit of the other people in the room.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Mark 10:45

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