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## I Am God's Choice: The Anointing of an Afterthought 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Now the LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have <sup>1</sup>provided Myself a king among his sons." <sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me." But the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" <sup>3</sup> Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you." <sup>4</sup> 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?" <sup>5</sup> And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify<sup>2</sup> yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup> So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before Him!" <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have <sup>8</sup>refused him. For<sup>2</sup> *the LORD does not see as man sees*; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." <sup>8</sup> So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." <sup>11</sup> 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 <sup>12</sup>sit down till he comes here." <sup>12</sup> So he sent and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, with <sup>13</sup>bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this *is* the one!" <sup>13</sup> 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. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

Saul's season is over. Samuel was disappointed that Saul was rejected as king.

"Sometimes old dreams have to die so that new dreams can be birthed." – Elder Darrell Whitehead

Samuel went to the House of Jesse so that one of his sons would be chosen as king. Jesse presented all his sons except for David, the last of his sons.

"Sometimes you are not the first thought but the afterthought...I'm glad the God anoints afterthoughts." – Elder Darrell Whitehead

Do not get frustrated by any obstacles that the devil may throw your way. Frustration is the enemy's weapon against your faith.

Have enough sense to know when IT ain't IT!

"Don't settle until you see what God has said." – Elder Darrell Whitehead

Know the difference between favor and favoritism. Eliab was Jesse's favorite but David was favored by God.

"People's rejection of you cannot stop God's selection of you." – Elder Darrell Whitehead

David has not go prepared in the traditional sense (he was not consecrated before coming before God) but he was qualified.

"Some of us have never been anyone's first choice." – Elder Darrell Whitehead

Time to let the world know that you are God's choice!