

Today's study can be found in 1 Samuel chapters 1-17, please take the time to **read it** and only use my summary of the text as just that ... a summary.

This is one of my favorite stories, and one of the many instances in the scriptures that we see obedience is what God requires. Very far from the second, third, fourth, and sixteenth chance teachings that we witness being ministered today.

Samuel appointed Saul to be king just as God had instructed him. But Saul followed his own instructions and did what he as well as the people felt was right. Finally, the lord relented that he had chosen Saul to be king (as Samuel prophesied at the start) and because he is God, and he doesn't have to relent about anything he sent Samuel to Jessie's house to anoint a new king whom the lord had chosen himself. After Jessie put all his sons (I am assuming he introduced them in order of his own preferences) Samuel says none of the sons are the one whom God has appointed. Jessie then tells Samuel of David who is tending to the sheep and then David is anointed. The spirit of the lord (the mantle of a king) now comes upon David and therefore leaves Saul. When this happens Saul is troubled & because of this troubled spirit that comes upon him he searches for a harp player. What he is unaware of is that the harp player that he has chosen has been anointed by God to replace him. David finds favor with Saul & I would imagine has a residence in the king's company so that any time he is troubled David can play the harp. Again, what he is unaware of is the fact that a situation is about to be presented that would move David from being the harp player into the position that the lord has anointed him for.

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Write it out:

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Have you ever found yourself in a situation like Saul? You hear the word of the Lord, but you sift through the instructions until they best suit your plans. Write about the times you have done this and, in your writing, repent! For the lord is merciful but he is still GOD so anytime you haven't followed instructions he has given, and you are still living There is room for repentance!

(2)

Have you ever, or are you in the position right now like David? You are certain that the lord has appointed and anointed you but the situation that will allow you to step fully into this seat has not yet come? Write about how you will remain steadfast as the perfect timing of the lord brings to pass exactly what he said will come to pass.

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you!

We thank you for even choosing to speak to us! Father, we thank you for each one of your messengers who don't dilute your words and instructions to us. Father, we ask that you create in us a heart that is willing and able to follow your directions just as you have sent them! Just as you say them! Despite the applause or the adversity that comes from following you completely. Father, we thank you for where we are right now, we thank you for the secret training places that will one day make room for us in the seats that you have anointed us for! Father, we ask for the tenacity and the steadfast nature that comes from being one of your children to arise in us. The steadfastness that allows us to withstand being rejected by family, by friends, by people but to be content with being secretly accepted by you until the time that you have appointed. The steadfastness that allows us to be content with the work that few people find satisfaction in...

Father, we pray that in this secret place you teach us how to be satisfied by you and only you. It's in your darling son Jesus name we pray amen.