

## Embrace God's Purpose

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1 Samuel 16:1-23

**1 Samuel 3:1b** <sup>1b</sup>In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

**1 Samuel 8:4-5** <sup>4</sup>So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."

**1 Samuel 9:1-2** <sup>1</sup>There was a Benjamite, a man of standing, whose name was Kish son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>He had a son named Saul, an impressive young man without equal among the Israelites—a head taller than any of the others.

**1 Samuel 16:1a** <sup>1a</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel?"

**1 Samuel 16:1b** Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have *seen Me* among his sons a king. (Robert Alter translation)

**1 Samuel 16:7** <sup>7</sup>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 man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

**1 Samuel 16:12b-13a** <sup>12b</sup>Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." <sup>13a</sup>So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.

**1. God looks at the heart.**

**2. God delights in selecting improbable candidates.**

**3. God has a design and purpose for every life.**