

SERMON SERIES: The Calling: From Shepherd to King
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Key Line

A heart aligned with God lives in the expectation of the power of God.

Introduction

Saul disobeyed God by not fully following God's instructions to him. God told him that he was going to appoint a king who was "a man after his own heart."

- Describe a person who is after God's own heart. What does it mean to be a person after God's own heart?

Seek the Word

Samuel went to Jesse's house and told him God had chosen one of his sons to be the king. He had Jesse bring each son, one at a time to stand before Samuel, and Samuel rejected each one. Read I Samuel 16:7-13.

- What does God look for in a person? *(He doesn't look at the outside but at the heart.)*
- Who does God choose? Describe him. *(He chose David. He was 14-15 years old and the youngest and least significant in his family. He was a shepherd and spent his time with the sheep.)*
- What do you think David did during his time alone with the sheep? Think about later stories about David and his military and poetic prowess. *(He honed his skills in music and in use of slingshots. He killed lions and other animals to protect his father's sheep.)*

Read I Samuel 17:1-11.

- Describe Goliath. *(Tall, huge, heavy armor, came out trash talking the Israelites every day for 40 days.)*
- What was the reaction of the Israelite army? *(Very afraid.)*

David offered to fight Goliath. He was too small for the armor Saul gave him so he went as he was. Read I Samuel 17:41-54.

- What was Goliath's reaction when he saw David? *(He mocked him and called him a little dog.)*
- How did David respond? *(He told Goliath that God was working with him.)*
- Describe what David did to Goliath. *(Used stones and a slingshot to knock him out, then ran up and cut his head off with his own sword.)*
- How did his earlier life protecting sheep serve David well and prepare him for this moment? *(He knew God would protect him because he had done so in the past.)*
- What did the Israelites do after this? *(Ran up and cheered and defeated the Philistine army.)*

Talk About It

- What can you learn from this story? How will God deal with the giants in your own life?
- Who is leading your life?