



THE BOOK OF

# 1 SAMUEL



## Sermon Series Notes

### **The Call of God 1 Samuel 18,19 (As Ryan Shared)**

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Christians today are not meant to read the story of David and Goliath and mainly identify with David, but with people who need saving, reflecting on the rescue that our true and final champion, Jesus himself, has won on our behalf. Consequently our hearts are moved to worship and greater trust in Him

**Intro:** a month since looking at 1 Samuel, A Little Background

- **Saul anointed king of Israel by Samuel**
  - **Starts well / Rescues Jabesh Gilead from Ammonites**
  - **Inflicting punishment on all surrounding enemies**
  - **But Saul facing a Philistine battle offers sacrifices himself instead of waiting for Samuel**
    - Samuel tells Saul his Kingdom will not endure
    - Lord tells Saul to destroy the Amalekites completely!
    - Saul wins a great victory but allows troops to take plunder.....baaaaad

#### **Read 1 Sam 15:12-23**

V 28 Samuel says, "The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from you and given it to one of your neighbors---to one who is better than you.

The Lord then tells Samuel to anoint one of the sons of Jesse / David

- Would not actually be king for 10-14 years

#### **1 Sam 17:55-58**

As we approach chapter 18 David has killed Goliath and is standing before Saul w/ Goliath's head still in hand.....what a scene!

- **Rejected king /Anointed king, eyeball to eyeball**
  - **Saul: no one like him in the land**
  - **David: A teenage shepherd**
    - **Saul: feared Philistines, His soldiers, David**
    - **David: feared God**
      - **Saul's confidence in stature / limited his ability to trust**
      - **David's confident in relationship with God**
        - **All things flowed from that**

#### **1 Sam 18:1-4**

- **Where was Jonathan in Chap 17**

- Knew house of Saul rejected
- Kingdom given to neighbor better than Saul
- Champ stepped aside to see new champ emerge

#### 1 Sam 18:5-11

- Saul: opposite reaction than Jonathan
  - Jealousy, anger, Rage, violence
  - Evil spirit and prophesy not connected
    - Propheying / Hebrew word, ecstatic praise
    - What he did while David played
    - Evil spirit came upon him forcefully
- David Dodged the spears

Note: 3x 1 Sam speaks of Saul prophesying

- 1X when people who had formerly know Saul saw him...
- What is this. Is Saul son of Kish, also among the prophets
  - Different rep

#### 1 Sam 18:12-28

- Along with jealousy, anger, rage, violence, Saul also was afraid of David

Ted Bundy: Grew up in a Christian home, good friends, stable environment, grew into the monster incrementally, by watching pornography. Deeper and deeper and deeper suspected of killing over 50 women. As he talked to others they too were deeply involved with it

- V12 Because the Lord was with him
- V15 Because Saul saw how successful he was
- V28 Because his family, and all Israel loved him

#### 1 Sam 19:1-8

- Jonathan goes to bat for David and reasons with his Father
  - Saul listens for awhile at least
  - David is with Saul as before
  - David strikes Philistines with great force and they fled
- V9-17
  - Where did Michal get an idol
  - Why Michal might be a snare to David
    - Her character proves to be more like her fathers than her brothers.....David brings the ark into Jerusalem

#### 1 Sam 18-24

- Saul finally goes after David himself after sending 3 groups of men who end up prophesying
- He ends up naked in the dust prophesying for a day and a night
  - Mercy and Grace on Samuel
  - Mercy and Grace on David
  - Mercy and Grace on Saul

## What can we take away from this story

- What are we going to do with this calling on our lives
  - We see 3 men in these two chapters called by God
  - 2 embrace the call
  - 1 squanders it
- If we are saved we are called, Eph 2:8-10

**Eph 2:8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## What are these good works:

- They are the things God directs us to do by faith

**1 Jn 2:6** Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus walked.

**Col 2:6** So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him,<sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

**Jn 5:19** Jesus gave them this answer: “Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.<sup>20</sup> For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does.

- Jesus divested himself ( or laid aside his ability to act as God) of power to act as God, and acted as a man, in submission to the Father, Empowered by the Holy Spirit.

## But how do we imitate the incarnation Phil 2:5-8

- How do we volunteer to be a humble servant and be obedient to things that we need to die to
- How do we pick up our cross daily

I believe it is all about falling deeper and deeper in love with Christ

- Great....how do we do that
- **1 Jn 4:19** tells us that we love him because he first loved us
  - **Okay how do we do that**

## Without getting too technical I Paul gives us some direction

### Eph 3:14-19

For this reason I kneel before the Father,<sup>15</sup> from whom every family<sup>[a]</sup> in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,<sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,<sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

## Being strengthened in our inner being

- When bible speaks of the heart
  - Not this organ in our body

- But our very soul our center
  - The heart is the seat of
    - The mind, the will, and the emotions

If you are emotionally lifted up but it doesn't effect how you live and act then it hasn't touched your heart it's only gone as deep as your emotions.

If you get excited intellectually about something but it doesn't change the way live or the way you feel.....

If Christianity is something you do because you have always done it that way but it doesn't effect the mind or feelings it hasn't reached the heart.

The mind, the will, and the emotions make up the heart

- It's like the brain of a musician listening to music / CAT scan
  - L & R side to the brain
  - 1 side is analytical, looking at the parts
  - 1 side is your intuition where your being affected by the whole
    - Music lover brain one side will light up
      - Hears all the music at once
    - Musicians brain lights up all over
      - Hears the parts, harmonies, lead, rhythms, drums
      - The B3, etc
        - Everything is being affected,
- So why does God have to strengthen our inner being
- If the inner being is not strengthened you cannot grasp
  - Not grasping is like spiritual blindness

**MK 7:6**, Jesus said "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. they worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.

I need to grasp all factors of the love of Christ, because as I do my idols fall to the ground and Christ is indeed Lord and king

Do you remember being saved?

Do you remember it being an all faculty event?

Do you remember being transformed....

- I discovered so many new words that had more than four letters
- That's how I know that I have grasped.
- The problem is, have I grasped lately

Examples: Don Richardson, Go Magazine

One commentator put it this way about grasping these 4 facets of Christs love

**How wide is the Love of God....Rev. 5:9**“You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

- All inclusive, meditating on this is how we can get rid of racism

**How long is the love of God....Ps 103:12** as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

**How deep is the love of Christ...Phil 2:6-8** Who, being in very nature<sup>[a]</sup> God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature<sup>[b]</sup> of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

**How high is the Love of God....** “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God<sup>[a]</sup>; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

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