

September 10, 2023
A Man After God's Own Heart
[1 Samuel 15–16](#)

This week, Pastor David began the sermon series **The Life Of David**.

- **God Looks Beyond The Superficial To The Heart**
- **God Exalts The Lowly And Unlikely To Display His Power And Glory**

GOING DEEPER:

- The Israelites were called to be God's light among all the nations. However, instead of trusting God as their true King, they cried out for a human king just like the other nations. They wanted security, and God wasn't enough for them. When are you tempted to trust in other people (or things) instead of trusting in God's provision and security?
- Pastor David shared that God looks beyond the superficial to the heart of a person. As fallen humans, we often look on the outward appearances—our instinct is to choose what is impressive, shiny, powerful, and pleasing. In our “outward-perfection” obsessed culture, how are you choosing outward appearances instead of pursuing character transformation? How are you trying to fix up the outside while neglecting the matters of the soul?
- One of the themes found in Scripture is that God is constantly in the business of subverting our expectations, of exalting the lowly and unlikely to display His power and glory. The ultimate example of this truth is the one the New Testament writers called the Son of David, Jesus. How have you seen this truth at work in your life? What has God taught you through this truth about Jesus?
- In the Old Testament, God's Spirit came upon people to help them accomplish a specific task. As believers and followers of Jesus, we live after the coming of the God's Spirit at Pentecost, and each of us has the Spirit in our lives at all times. God's Spirit is the seal of our conversion. How does this truth encourage you and give you strength to face the week ahead?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 1 Samuel 16:1; 6–11
- 1 Samuel 8:19–20
- 1 Samuel 16:7
- 1 Samuel 16:11–12
- Genesis 3:6
- 1 Samuel 16:13
- 1 Corinthians 1:27–28

The grace of the LORD Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. ~ 2 Corinthians 13:14

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