

You Can't Keep a Captive's Character When You Have a Deliverer's Destiny!

"You don't have to be a captive anymore!"

1 Samuel 16:1-13

1. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

2. But Samuel said, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"

3. Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

4. Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

5. Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6. When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

7. 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."

8. Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either."

9. Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."

10. Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."

11. So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered, "but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

12. So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

13. 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. Samuel then went to Ramah.

If you're faithful in the little, God will promote you to ruler over much!

Vs 11 - "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

Man promotes talent-abilities etc., But God promotes character!

Pr 18:16 - A gift opens the way for the giver and ushers him into the presence of the great.

Your gift may bring you before great men, but it is character that enables you to stay there!

1 Samuel 16:1d - "I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

KJV - "I have provided me a king among the sons of Jesse."

Provided = behold consider, spy, perceive, foresee, to look at, see, look after, learn about, observe, watch, look upon,

Greatness is not doing one great thing in a big way, It's faithfully doing the little things in a great way!

True greatness is not seen in the big things we do, but in the little things we do in a great way!

Great people do consistently what others only do occasionally!

A crown doesn't make a man a king; it only identifies the king in the man!

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Let me give you the secrets to any deliverer's power!

#1 He was a person of character!

Personality is what we say about ourselves, and what we allow others to see...
Character is who we are when nobody is looking!

#2 He was anointed with the Holy Spirit!

God is looking for some David's and Josephs and Joshua's and Elishas to anoint with his Holy Spirit!

#3 He knew who he represented!

1 Sam 17:26 - Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

Character is really choosing to live by the Spirit with the fruit of the Spirit!

Gal. 5:16-26

16. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

17. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want.

18. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.

19. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;

20. idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions

21. and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23. gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

24. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

25. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

26. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.