

The Story

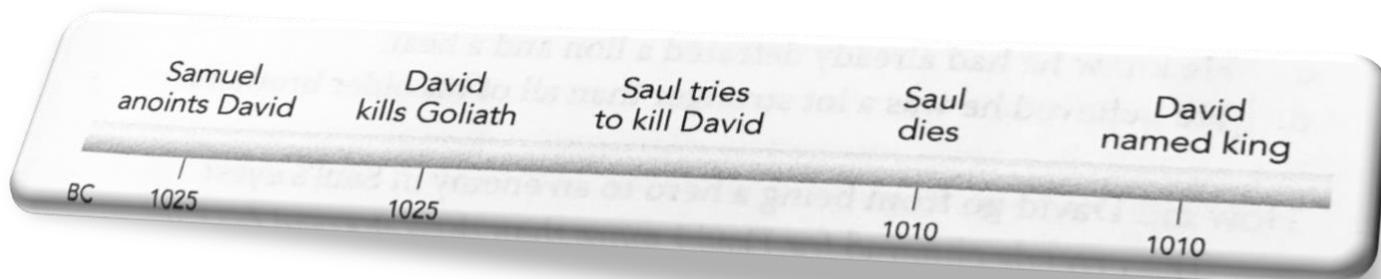
Session 12: "From Shepherd to King"

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*"The LORD does not look at the things people look at.
People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."*

1 SAMUEL 16:7 (NIV)

1. Opening & Praying



2. Introduction: WATCH THE SCRIPTURE VIDEO

*"You really can't judge a book by its cover,
but when you open it and start reading you will learn the real story"*

- **Reflect on it/Talk About It:** *Tell about a time you met someone and made a snap judgment about him/her, only to later learn that you were way off.*

- 3. Review:** As we go through *The Story* together, we want to learn how to tell the story. This week we begin a focus on Movement 2 portion of *The Story*. Read through Movement 1 in review & then begin to commit Movement 2 to memory.

MOVEMENT 2: *"God builds a brand-new nation called Israel. Through this nation, God will reveal his presence, power, and plan to get us back. Every story of Israel will point to the first coming of Jesus --the One who will provide the way back to God."*

Picture	Portion of The Story	Portion of the Bible
	The Story of the Garden	Genesis 1–11
	The Story of Israel	Genesis 12–Malachi
	The Story of Jesus	Matthew–John (Gospels)
	The Story of the Church	Acts–Jude
	The Story of a New Garden	Revelation

4. Know the Story: Pop Quiz

- Why did David believe he had the earthly ability to defeat Goliath?
 - a. He believed he was a mighty warrior.
 - b. He knew he was a great shot with the sling.
 - c. He knew he had already defeated a lion and a bear.
 - d. He believed he was a lot stronger than all his older brothers.
- How did David go from being a hero to an enemy in King Saul's eyes?
 - a. The crowds cheered for David more than they cheered for Saul.
 - b. David tried to take the kingdom away from Saul.
 - c. David had several failures in battle, making Saul lose confidence.
 - d. David was a terrible harp player.
- How did Saul die in battle?
 - a. A random arrow pierced his armor.
 - b. He fell on his own sword.
 - c. His armor bearer killed him when he was wounded.
 - d. He was surrounded and struck by a spear.
- What is the promise the LORD gives to David?
 - a. "I will give you peace from war for the remainder of your life."
 - b. "I will make you the wealthiest king on earth."
 - c. "I will give you more offspring than the sands of the seashore."
 - d. "I will establish your throne forever."

5. Understand the Story: Video with Randy Frazee

Video Guide: As you watch the video use the following outline to record anything that stands out to you.

- **God looks at David and sees a king (no one else saw David this way):**

Saul was a five _____ king for sure.

The Hebrew word to describe David is our English word _____ .

- **14 years between anointing and inauguration ... God is working:**

"My God, my God, why have you _____ me.

- **God take note of David's heart:**

Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the _____ .

And David _____ them with integrity of heart.

- **How David's story points to God's UPPER STORY ... God is seeking to get us back:**

David was a _____ in the LOWER STORY.

6. Video Discussion/Journaling: Write down your answers.

- In this chapter of *THE STORY*, many different people think they have David figured out. *How did each of these people view David when they looked at him?*

- * His father, Jesse (1 Sam. 16:8-12; *THE STORY (TS)*, pp. 145-146):

- * The prophet Samuel (1 Sam. 16:7-13; *TS*, pp. 145-146):

- * His brother, Eliab (1 Sam. 17:28; *TS*, pp. 148):

- * King Saul (1 Sam. 17:33-39; *TS*, pp. 148-149):

- * Goliath (1 Sam. 17:41-44; *TS*, pp. 149)

- * The LORD:

David might have been considered a runt on the outside,

- Randy Frazee makes a provocative statement in today's video: "*God can use our disobedient lives as effectively as God uses our obedient lives in the LOWER STORY to work out the UPPER STORY plans.*" *Do you agree with this statement?*

If yes, given an example from the Bible that supports what Randy says:

- Randy Frazee said, "God put David through spiritual boot camp to chisel him and refine him into the kind of person who truly trusted God." *Tell about a time God sent you to "spiritual boot camp" (or has presently enrolled you).*

How did God use this time to refine, strengthen, and grow you?

7. Personal Reflection:

Think about a time of waiting in your life, when you felt that God was refining you. Reflect on the lessons you learned while you waited.

Have you carried them forward into the present day?

Were there any lessons you missed that God still wants to teach you?

8. Personal Action:

In our personal deserts and seasons of waiting, we need to remember that God is with us. But, we can also take comfort in knowing that God's people are walking with us too.

Think about a family member or friend who is in the midst of a hard time.

Pray for them. Ask God to use you as a conduit of God's love, a visible reminder that God is with them, caring for them. And also ask them how you might come alongside to offer care and support.

"There is a lot going on in David's story that points us to God's UPPER STORY plan to get us back. David was referred to as God's "anointed one. Those words in English are one word in Hebrew--"Messiah." David was a messiah in the LOWER STORY. His righteous reign points us to the Messiah in the UPPER STORY"

9. Double Check Your Pop Quiz [c/a/b/d]

Video Notes Answer Key: cow / runt / forsaken / heart / shepherded / messiah

10. Next Week: THERE WILL BE NO SESSION MEETING on Wednesday, March 17

ENJOY YOUR SPRING BREAK! :-)