



Grace Given Unwarranted - Devotional for September 27, 2020



Read 1 Samuel 16:1–13



What? Describe what happened in the story in your own words.



So what? What does this passage mean to you in your own life?



Now what? What are you going to do differently because of this passage?

There's something in us that loves rooting for the underdog. The guy who seemed to start from the very bottom and rose to the top. God loves the underdog, too. One of the coolest underdog stories in the Bible is about a guy named David. We know him as King David, the guy who defeated the giant and the King who led mighty men into battle. However, before David was any of those things, he was just a boy. On a hill. Watching over his sheep and singing songs to God. This is the guy God chose to be the next king of Israel. He chose someone that no one thought would ever amount to anything great. David's own father even seemed to forget about his existence. But God saw David. God didn't forget about him.

The Lord chose to empower a teenage boy with the grace to carry out the assignment of being Israel's next king, and David didn't do anything to deserve it. That's what "unwarranted" means. If we're honest, most of the time we like to win. So we'll pick the best partner for the race, or the fastest car, or the best board game strategy in order to achieve that win. God likes winning, too. But unlike us, He likes to use people and things and situations that might seem unreliable in our eyes. He sees what people CAN be with the power of HIS grace at work in them. And that's what He saw in David. God knew that one day, with the help of His grace, David the boy would become David the man after God's own heart. Never underestimate the power of God's grace at work in your life. It's not something you can earn. It's something you choose to receive as He gives it you.

Study Questions:

1. What is the significance in the fact that Jesse didn't even call David in from tending his sheep when Samuel came to visit?

2. According to verse 7, what part of a man does God care about?

Application Questions:

1. In what areas of your live do you feel small and insignificant?

2. Do you think God can use that for His glory? How?
