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The Impact of Samuel

- Samuel had a heart for God much like David.
“And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favour with the LORD and with men.” - 1 Samuel 2:26
- Samuel didn't like change any more than most people.
“The LORD said to Samuel, ‘How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel?’” - 1 Samuel 16:1
- Samuel was a bridge between the judges and the kings.
“Samuel continued as judge over Israel all the days of his life.” - 1 Samuel 7:15
- Samuel had fears and his visit caused fear within others.
“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.’ 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?’” - 1 Samuel 16:2
- Samuel sometimes judged people by their looks and quickly assumed he knew God's will.
“When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD.’” - 1 Samuel 16:6

- Samuel did not live to see the reign of King David.
“Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah.” - 1 Samuel 25:11

The Perspective of God

- People often judge by outward characteristics.
 (Even family members and religious leaders do this!)
“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.” - 1 Samuel 16:11
- God judges by looking at the heart.
“I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.” - Acts 13:22
“Then they prayed, ‘Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen.’” - Acts 1:24

What Should We Learn?

- God has a plan for people who follow Him.
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“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.’” - 1 Samuel 16:12
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“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” - Matthew 5:8
- When God chooses someone for a task, He provides the power and the resources to accomplish that task.
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