

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1)	06 December. 2026.....	1Samuel 01-02	Prayer
2)	13 Dec.....	1Samuel 03-04	Calling
3)	20 Dec.....	Luke 02.....	(Christmas) Savior
4)	27 Dec.....	1Samuel 05-07	Supremacy
5)	03 January 2027	1Samuel 08-14	King Demanded
6)	10 Jan.....	1Samuel 15.....	Obedience
7)	17 Jan.....	Psalms 139.....	Value of Life
8)	24 Jan.....	1Samuel 16	Anointed
9)	31 Jan.....	1Samuel 17.....	Victory
10)	07 Feb.....	1Samuel 18-21	Friendship
11)	14 Feb.....	1Samuel 22-24	Respect
12)	21 Feb.....	1Samuel 25.....	Discernment
13)	28 Feb.....	1Samuel 26-31	Guidance

INTRODUCTION

- God tells Samuel to anoint another individual (David) who would eventually replace Saul. Providentially, David ends up working at the palace as a musician to soothe King Saul's tormented spirit.

Passage	Comments
1Samuel 16:1-5	Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely - Lord Acton in 1887 stated this: "<i>Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men.</i>" ... How true is this? - Early in Saul's life, he protested to Samuel that he was not worthy to be king (9:21) - When some wanted to kill Saul's political opponents, Saul preserved their lives - v2. Now Saul is determined to stay in power, even if it means killing Samuel, since only Samuel would have God's authority to anoint a new king. - v3. Why the subterfuge or deception about the sacrifice? Can we lie or deceive and it not be a sin?
When is Lying OK	Are there biblical principles to justify lying and using "unconventional" or deceptive means? - There are principles in Scripture where lying or withholding the truth seems justified to preserve the lives of innocent victims: - Abraham and Isaac both lied about their wives being their sisters while in hostile territory, and they both walked away blessed Gen 19, 20, 26 - Hebrew midwives lied to Pharaoh and reaped blessings from God Exodus 1: 15-21 - Rahab lied about the 2 spies, and she saved her family and became an ancestor of Jesus..... Josh 2 - King David feigned insanity to protect his life – and was successful..... 1Samuel 21:13 More Thots. Jesus says we need to be wise as serpents but gentle as doves Mat 10:16 - Therefore, it seems OK to conceal the truth for a higher purpose – not to harm, not to achieve gain, not for convenience's sake – but to protect innocent lives from evil intent
16:6-13	God Looks Inside – Man Looks Outside - David is the least, but is anointed to be great - Even David's own father did not see the potential in his youngest boy being something great - What characteristics did God see in David? ☐ His good looks? ☐ His discipline and hard work tending and protecting the sheep by himself? ☐ His honesty? ☐ His inclination toward God? - v13. <i>The Spirit of the Lord came upon David.</i> How was this evident? Could David do no wrong?

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16:14-18	An Evil Spirit from the Lord Troubled Saul - But, doesn't the Bible state that the Lord tempts no man (James 1:13)? So why would God either directly torment Saul or indirectly have Satan torment him? Consider this. There are other principles at work - Saul willfully moved away from God, so he incurred the consequences, some natural, others God-invoked: - He reaped what he sowed (trouble) - Rebellion causes distress, troubled spirit, anxious heart Lam 1:20 - God gives a sound mind (2Tim 1:7) and "perfect peace" when one's mind stays on Him... Isa 26:3 - v16. Music soothes the soul. No Christian rock or contemporary music was played to be sure - Music's ability to stir up emotions (good or bad), motivate men for battle, give a migraine to someone, or to calm the soul is no secret. - How else does music influence people?
16:19-23	The Providence of God Brings David to the Palace - Saul had no idea David was being groomed for the palace. - As Saul's armor-bearer, David would be exposed to all the shakers and movers within the palace - David would also see in a short period of time everything that happens within the Oval Office - David also kept his mouth shut about Samuel's anointing of him, & continued to perform faithfully. Prov 12:23 A prudent man conceals knowledge,

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- If you are in a position with power, don't let it go to your head. Remember – Everyone is replaceable.
- If God promotes you like David, be wise, watch, and remain faithful, and expect Goliath to be around the corner.
 - In other words, abide your time, and do not rush things.

NEXT WEEK: 1Samuel 17. David would not have been the great man he was without confronting and conquering Goliath. Sometimes God puts a Goliath in our path not to harm us, but to demonstrate to us and others the abilities God has given us and to eventually promote us.

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YOU KNOW HOW I CAN TELL WHEN YOU ARE LYING? ... YOUR LIPS ARE MOVING