

**LESSONS THIS QUARTER**

1) 5 June 2016.....	1Samuel 1-2.....	Answered
2) 12 June.....	1Samuel 3-4.....	Called
3) 19 June.....	1Samuel 5-7.....	Worthy
4) 26 June.....	1Samuel 8-11.....	King?
5) 3 July.....	1Samuel 12-14.....	Feared
6) 10 July.....	1Samuel 15.....	Judged
<b>7) 17 July.....</b>	<b>1Samuel 16.....</b>	<b>Anointed</b>
8) 24 July.....	1Samuel 17.....	Delivered
9) 31 July.....	1Samuel 18-21.....	Faithful
10) 7 August.....	1Samuel 22-24.....	Blinded
11) 14 August.....	1Samuel 25.....	Protected
12) 21 August.....	1Samuel 26-29.....	Respect
13) 28 August.....	1Samuel 30-31.....	Victory

**INTRODUCTION**

- God tells Samuel to anoint another (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	<p><b>Absolute Power Corrupts Absolutely</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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?</li> <li>• Early in Saul's life, he protested to Samuel that he was not worthy to be king (9:21)</li> <li>• When some wanted to kill Saul's political opponents, Saul preserved their lives</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• v3. Why the subterfuge or deception about the sacrifice? Can we lie or deceive and it not be a sin?</li> </ul>
When is Lying OK	<p><b>Are there biblical principles to justify lying and using "unconventional" or deceptive means?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are principles in Scripture where lying or withholding the truth seems justified to preserve the lives of innocent victims                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Abraham and Isaac both lied about their wives being their sisters while in hostile territory, and they both walked away blessed ..... <a href="#">Gen 19, 20, 26</a></li> <li>♦ Hebrew midwives lied to Pharaoh and reaped blessings from God..... <a href="#">Exodus 1: 15-21</a></li> <li>♦ Rahab lied about the 2 spies, and she saved her family and became an ancestor of Jesus .... <a href="#">Josh 2</a></li> <li>♦ King David feigned insanity to protect his life – and was successful..... <a href="#">1Samuel 21:13</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>More Thots.</b> Jesus says we need to be wise as serpents but gentle as doves..... <a href="#">Mat 10:16</a></li> <li>• Therefore, it seems OK to conceal the truth for a higher purpose – not to harm, not to achieve gain, not for convenience sake – but to protect innocent lives from evil intent</li> </ul>
16:6-13	<p><b>God Looks Inside – Man Looks Outside</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David is the least, but is anointed to be great</li> <li>• Even David's own father did not see the potential in his youngest boy being something great</li> <li>• What characteristics did God see in David?                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> His good looks? <input type="checkbox"/> His discipline and hard work tending and protecting the sheep by himself?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> His honesty? <input type="checkbox"/> His inclination toward God?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• v13. <i>The Spirit of the Lord came upon David.</i> How was this evident? Could David do no wrong?</li> </ul>

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16:14-18	<p><b>An Evil Spirit from the Lord Troubles Saul</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• But, doesn't the Bible state that the Lord tempts no man (<a href="#">James 1:13</a>)? So why would God either directly torment Saul or indirectly have Satan torment him?</li> <li>• <b>Consider this.</b> There are other principles at work                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Saul willfully moved away from God, so he incurred the consequences, some natural, others God-invoked:                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. He reaped what he sowed (trouble)</li> <li>2. Rebellion causes distress, troubled spirit, anxious heart..... <a href="#">Lam 1:20</a></li> <li>3. God gives a sound mind (<a href="#">2Tim 1:7</a>) and "perfect peace" when one's mind stays on Him.. <a href="#">Isa 26:3</a></li> </ol> </li> <li>♦ v16. <b>Music soothes the soul.</b> No Christian rock or contemporary music was played to be sure                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ 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</li> <li>♦ How else does music influence people?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16:19-23	<p><b>The Providence of God Brings David to the Palace</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saul had no idea David was being groomed for the palace                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ As Saul's armor-bearer, David would be exposed to all the shakers and movers within the palace</li> <li>♦ David would also see in a short period of time everything that happens within the Oval Office</li> <li>♦ David also kept his mouth shut about Samuel's anointing of him, &amp; continued to perform faithfully</li> <li>♦ <a href="#">Prov 10:14</a> A wise man stores up knowledge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**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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