



Building Wholehearted Disciples of Jesus

Worshipper Warrior: David's Resume, Part 1

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In my darkest time of rejection, betrayal and confusion, around the fire pit in my backyard, around a group of men—what I've grown to call my "bloodstained allies," God resurrected my heart through reading about the life and times of David.

- It certainly was not his morality or ethics that were outstanding. David has nothing to teach us about success.
- The exploits of David in sin are notorious and controversial—from adultery and murder to his parenting style; he is anything but exemplary.
- David's passion for disobedience seems to match his wholehearted devotion in obedience. David is anything but passive.
- I think that is exactly what attracted me to David—not his polished polite goodness, but his raw, brash, wholehearted earthiness! I could relate to David in my darkest times.
- You may be going through a deep dark time in your life. If so David is your man. He is human, authentic and full of God and full of sin.

David is the only man in Scripture described as "a man after God's own heart." (1 Samuel 13:14) It is the Godward heart of David that causes him to stand out. David got God's attention because of the heart he had developed — for God's unique use.

- We have a new definition of what it means to be "wholehearted" from the life of David. This is not a perfect man; he probably could not be elected to City Council because of the "MeToo Movement."

- Last week we looked at being wholehearted.
- Yet the Scriptures say he was a man that went after God's own heart? God's editing process is really different from our own.

God is raising up a generation of men and women who have the heart of David. God is not looking as man looks, but has His eyes on the heart, not the outward appearance.

- David is a prophetic witness to the Church.
- The Apostles saw Jesus as the prophetic beginnings of a new age, a new day coming through Jesus when in Acts 15, said that he was raising up the Tabernacle of David.

After this I will return

And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down;

I will rebuild its ruins,

And I will set it up;

So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord,

- There are more believers today than in all history! Think about it; there are more Christians on the earth today than there is in heaven.
- This generation has a special anointing if they want it, if they go after it.
- God is building a new kind of disciple—wholehearted disciples after God's own heart.

The Spiritual Resume of a Worshipper & Warrior

Samuel 16:6-7

⁶ So it was, when they came, that he looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him." ⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

- God does not choose leaders based on outward credentials or popularity—God looks at the heart.

David's Spiritual Resume and each of you have a spiritual resume. This is the resume that you are writing with Jesus; times alone with the Lord; times of crying out to God.

1 Samuel 16:8-13

⁸ So Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." ¹⁰ Thus Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these." ¹¹ And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the young men here?" Then he said, "There remains yet the youngest, and there he is, keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!" ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

- God knows you! God has His eyes on you...even when no one else does.
- His father forgot to invite him to the sacrifice!

- David's brothers did not esteem him as we see in chapter 17, in his exchange with them before the fight with Goliath.
- But God did not forget David.
- God does not forget you! He knows what you are going through and the struggles of your life.
- David had developed a secret history with God (we will talk about that later.)
- But what do we see was David's resume?

1 Samuel 16:14-17

¹⁴ But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him. ¹⁵ And Saul's servants said to him, "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is troubling you. ¹⁶ Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well." ¹⁷ So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me."

- Saul is demonized because of his fears; David is raised up because of his faith—do not forget that.
- God will always choose servant leaders who have hearts full of faith, even if they do not look perfect, over those who have the perfect resume: degrees and pedigree, but they are full of themselves.
- Saul was full of Saul; David was full of the Spirit. Are you full of yourself or God?

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1. Skillful

- David is wholehearted, but he has also developed a skill!
- David has put in the 10,000 hours to become skillful on a harp. There is something to be said that all of us here have been given gifts and talents sovereignly given by God.
- But you have to put in the time—a worshipper and warrior puts in the discipline to become skillful at something.
- **Proverbs 22:29 “Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank.”**
- How has God gifted you? Work it out—practice, study, get the degrees you need—become skillful.
 - For example, some of you are gifted intellectually and apologetically; others of you as teachers, evangelists, etc. but get skilled at it—let God have your desires and then work hard to become skilled.
 - Some of you gifted as teachers, as health workers, as soldiers, as engineers.
- Do not let your natural gifting get in the way of really seeking after God. We do not need more gifted people but gifted people who are anointed by God
- This anointing, this spiritual authority is gained only as we worship and cry out to God.
- **Isaiah 11:2**
The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him,
The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

***The Spirit of counsel and might,
The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD.***

- The Spirit resting upon us in our areas of gifting is the key to impact.
- If you will work hard to be skilled at your craft, God will open doors for your skill. Listen, it is your responsibility to develop your skill behind closed doors and God's job to open the doors!

1 Samuel 16:17—18

¹⁷ So Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me." ¹⁸ Then one of the servants answered and said, "Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the Lord is with him."

2. Worshipper

- "the Lord is with him," someone in Saul's court gets it. They are looking for a man skilled but in whom the presence of God is upon.
- David was a worshipper first—before he was a warrior.
- Our greatest privilege in life is to learn to be a person that God can rest upon. His Spirit is in all of us, but His Spirit does not rest upon all of us.
 - David has learned to host the presence of God as a sheep herder.
 - David has learned to host the presence in his family first.
 - David has made his ambition to be in the atmosphere of heaven on earth and his presence is God's presence and people notice that.
- It means the releasing of the presence of God on yourself and others! This is the key to a powerful life and ministry.

- Presence based leadership
 - Worship-worship leaders who can release the presence of God on the congregation.
 - Praying for people—laying on of hands.
 - David was anointed in worship because he had learned to host the presence in his own life! Look at the verses below **1 Samuel 16:19-23**
19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David, who is with the sheep." 20 And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by his son David to Saul. 21 So David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armorbearer. 22 Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight." 23 And so it was, whenever the spirit from God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.
 - David hosted the presence of God and it gave him favor with people! Jonathan and Saul love David!
 - David released the presence of God on Saul whenever David worshipped.
 - David's worship, the presence of God flowing through David, drove off evil spirits! David knew how to wage warfare in worship.
- David's heart was ravaged by the love and grace of God and he considered this his highest priority.

- But David was also “skilled” in worship! David had the anointing, but he also had the skill.
- He had learned worship as he also honed his abilities.
- David was first given authority by God in the realm of worship.
- Authority as a worshipper will lead to authority as a warrior!
David learned all of this as a shepherd boy playing and worshipping before the Lord for an audience of One!
- David understood this well. At the end of his life he said this,

2 Samuel 23:1

***Now these are the last words of David.
Thus says David the son of Jesse;
Thus says the man raised up on high,
The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And the sweet psalmist of Israel:***

- David recognized that his anointing and calling was directly related to his worshipping heart.
- Have you made a commitment to a lifestyle of worship? Have you made it one of your passions to go after God each day beholding his glory and majesty?
- David had a revelation! (**Psalms 22:3**)
***But You are holy,
Enthroned in the praises of Israel.***
- Worship is beholding the glory and majesty of God—it may be through music, it may be through meditating on a passage of scripture, it may be through a deep time of crying out to God.
- Worship always leads into prayer! You simply must respond to the glory of God.

- We need more anointed worship leaders!! Anointed leaders!! Anointed teachers!! Anointed evangelists!! It all begins with becoming a worshipper in private, hosting the presence of God before God will use you powerfully in public.

Conclusion:

- You may have natural endowments: musically, math, accounting, preaching, teaching, etc. but that is not what God blesses—God blesses the seeking and passionate heart.