

# THE STORY

THE BIBLE AS ONE CONTINUING STORY OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE



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From Shepherd to King



# The Lord Sets Aside

## 1 Samuel 15

10 ¶ Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel:

11 "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions." Samuel was troubled, and he cried out to the LORD all that night.

21 The soldiers took sheep and cattle from the plunder, the best of what was devoted to God, in order to sacrifice them to the LORD your God at Gilgal."

22 But Samuel replied: "Does the LORD delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the voice of the LORD? To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."



# The Lord Prepares

Through the instruction of lineage

**Salmon marries Rahab**

*Son is Boaz*

**Boaz marries Ruth**

*Son is Obed*

**Obed**

*Father of Jesse*

**Jesse the Father of David**

**Isa 11:1** A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

**Isa 11:10** In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious.



# The Lord Prepares

## Through family living

**1 Samuel 17:28** When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, "Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."

**29** "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?"



# The Lord Prepares

Through training by shepherding  
the family flocks

**Psalm 23: 1 ¶ « A  
Psalm of David. » The  
LORD is my  
shepherd; I shall not  
want.**



# The Lord Prepares

Through training of given talent  
and gifts

## Ps 33

- 1 ¶ Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous;  
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; make  
music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
- 3 Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and  
shout for joy.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right and true;  
he is faithful in all he does.
- 5 The LORD loves righteousness and  
justice; the earth is full of his unfailing love.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the  
heavens made, their starry host by the  
breath of his mouth.



# The Lord Prepares

Through the training in our current situation

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock,



# The Lord Prepares

Through the training in our current situation

1 Samuel 16

17 So Saul said to his attendants, "Find someone who plays well and bring him to me."

18 One of the servants answered, "I have seen a son of Jesse of Bethlehem who knows how to play the harp. He is a brave man and a warrior. He speaks well and is a fine-looking man. And the LORD is with him."

19 David came to Saul and entered his service. Saul liked him very much, and David became one of his armor-bearers.





# The Lord Chooses

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."



# The Lord Anoints

12 So Jesse 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."

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon David in power.



SAMUEL BRINGING GOD'S MESSAGE TO A BOY OF BETHLEHEM

# The Lord Removes Fear by Giving Courage by His Strength

36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God.

37 The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

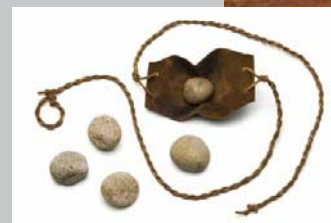
38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head.

39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off.

40 ¶ Then he took **his staff in his hand**, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

41 Meanwhile, the Philistine, with his shield bearer in front of him, **kept coming closer to David.**

42 He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him.



## The Lord Removes Fear by Giving Courage by His Strength

43 He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you **come at me with sticks?**" **And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.**

44 **"Come here,"** he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel.

47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

48 ¶ As the Philistine **moved closer to attack him,** David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him.

49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.



## The Lord Completes His Plan through the Faithful

### Lower story

14 years between anointing and becoming king

David must have wondered...

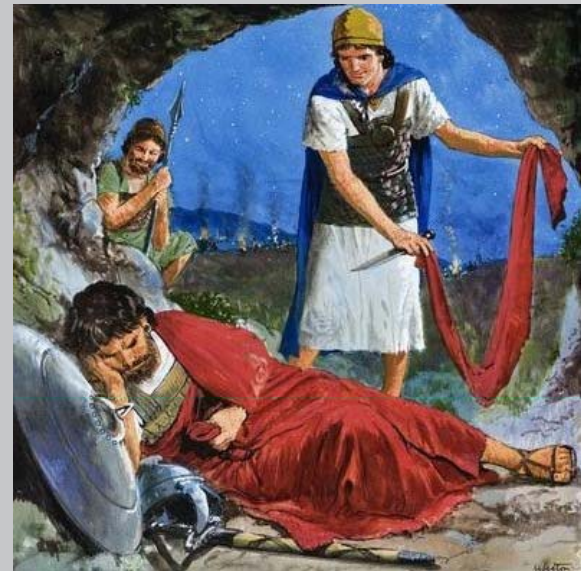
David's journal, the Psalms (eg Psalm 22)

### Upper story

Preparation for his calling

God levered Saul's rebellious and jealous heart for David's training

The Lord's permissive will, but His covenant to His people remains



# To our Shepherd King

1. Run well to the finish line
2. Appreciate the preparation of our choosing
3. Live in light of our consecration
  1. Of God's heart
  2. Following God's heart
4. Living with the enemy
5. When giants show up
6. Keep the faith, keep the vision
  1. Upper story view
    1. The King Shepherd came
    2. He is redeeming for Himself a people to live with Him and for His plan and purposes

