

# The Greatest Story

FROM COVER TO COVER



# "By Appearance or By Heart"

First Samuel 16-31



# Time To Move On

First Samuel 16



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“How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king”

16:1



# Time To Move On

While we may panic in the present, God sees what is, before it is. So, whatever may be troubling you right now and you can't see any answer to the problem, remember God sees what is, before it is.



# Timeless Principle

First Samuel 16:7



# Timeless Principle

“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’”

16:7



# Timeless Principle:

God is not impressed with the  
stuff that impresses us.





The Bible in speaking of the heart is referring to the very thing that causes you to say what you say and do what you do. The heart is the controller of your behavior. It isn't the environment or external pressures around you that control what you say and what you do, but what lies inside of you.



# Training Courses for Character Development

First Samuel 17-24



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Character development 101: *An outer enemy*  
(chapter 17)



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“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”

17:36



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“You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty.”

“This day the Lord will hand you over to me.”

17:45-46



# Character development 101: *An outer enemy*

Lesson: It is better to trust in a big God  
than to be nine feet tall.



# Training Courses for Character Development

Character development 101: *An outer enemy*

Character development 201- *An inner enemy*



## Character development 201- *An inner enemy*

“Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. He said to his men, ‘The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord’s anointed, or lift my hand against him; for he is the anointed of the Lord’”

24:5





# Character development 201- *An inner enemy*

Lesson: It is better to do the right thing  
than the expedient thing.



# Taste of David's Character

First Samuel 25-26



# Taste of David's Character

*A Nasty Rancher (chapter 25)*



We like David can so easily forget that we don't need to take vengeance, for our God will take care of that. We don't need to worry over a lack of provision, God is our ultimate provider. We easily forget that we don't need to protect our reputation, we are accepted by the King of kings. If we are working on our character, then we can trust God with our reputation.



# *A Nasty Rancher (chapter 25)*

*Lesson: When God offers you a way out,  
take it!*



# Taste of David's Character

*A Nasty Rancher (chapter 25)*

*Wake up Abner (chapter 26)*



“Who can lay a hand on the Lord’s anointed and be guiltless? As surely as the Lord lives, the Lord himself will strike him; either his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. But the Lord forbid that I should lay a hand on the Lord’s anointed”

26:5



# *Wake up Abner* (chapter 26)

Lesson: A little patience isn't enough.  
Keep on having patience.





What rules your heart will determine  
your behavior. How is your heart?  
Are you giving attention to the matters  
of the heart or to your appearances?



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