

The Making of a Leader II

1 Samuel 16:1-13

In part one of this series, we learned 3 leadership principles from the life of Joshua:

1. Leaders learn how to lead by serving under someone else's leadership
2. Leaders develop the qualities that prepare you for success
3. Leaders learn that their relationship with God is the ultimate key to success

This morning's focus will be looking at how God made David into a leader.

I. God doesn't select leaders the way people do (*1st Samuel 16:7*)

Sometimes the greatest gifts come in the strangest wrapping paper

God turned a liar into the father of many nations.

Genesis 12:11-13

God turned a murderer into a deliverer.

Exodus 2:11-12

God turned a person who was timid into a warrior.

Judges 6:14-15

II. God selects leaders based upon what is in our hearts

Leaders after God's heart will do what God wants us to do.

Acts 13:22 NLT says, "But God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, 'I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. **He will do everything I want him to do.**'"

Leaders after God's heart rely on God instead of their own abilities

Psalms 23

Leaders after God's heart seek God's forgiveness when they make mistakes.

Psalms 51

III. The Making of a Leader is a process

David was anointed king at 17 years old, but did not become king until he was 30.

A leader's start will look much different than their destiny.

1st Samuel 16:11

The giants we have to overcome build the character necessary for our leadership assignment.

1st Samuel 17:50

God knows the exact amount of time and type of experiences we need to develop into the leaders He has called us to be.

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