

Amazing Faith

Today's message is a reflection of David's call to be King and the symbolism of what happens in a Christian's life as we follow God into the places He has called us (and many times those places do not make sense!). David is a picture of what each individual believer can be. Although he was not perfect he had an amazing faith in God and desired to see God glorified above all else.

If you only remember one thing from today's message I pray it is this- David had absolute faith in God that He would do exactly what He said He would.

What has God spoken to you? Do you have absolute faith in God? David was fully aware that God was in control of his life. Are you fully aware that God has control in your life? Many times what God speaks to us will be completely at different from what we are experiencing. Do I hear an "Amen?"

God had told David he would be king (1 Samuel 16:1-23). God had rejected Saul as Israel's king and was now appointing another to take his place. Only David did not immediately replace Saul. It would take years before that happened. David was seemingly a person of no standing or prominence when he was designated as Israel's king. Have you been waiting years for something He said?

David had to be groomed mentally, morally, and spiritually to be the king. The good news is that God provided everything David needed to be Israel's king, and much of that instruction came through David's life circumstances. Our lives reflects more than just our attitude, it reflects where we are operating in faith.

David went through desolate times, deserts, and storms waiting for that Word to pass. Yet through it all, David's faith pleased God, and he was rewarded for it by the Lord. Can I tell you something? You are no different. The very things which qualified David to serve as king, were the very things that qualified him to serve the king. Do you understand the implication here?

You see God's divine providence was strategically moving David into the presence of the King to learn how a king rules (1 Samuel 16:21). David learned to deal with things and still walk uprightly before God. David had moments of doubt and despair, but he didn't stay there! He learned how to rely upon God and to love His Word. Right now you are learning more than you realize!

God often chooses unlikely people to do His work, so that all know the work is God's work, not man's work. Look, David's life was a portrait of failures and success. However, his heart was always pointed toward God regardless of where he was in life.

David demonstrated amazing faith on a regular basis and that pleased the Lord. Throughout his life his faith was tested, sometimes on a grand scale. Yet, the final analysis shows he passed more of the tests than he failed.

You are NO different! David thanked God every day no matter the circumstances. Of the 150 psalms in the Bible, David is credited for writing over half of them (73 out of all 150, to be precise though the Latin Vulgate and Septuagint credit a few more to him). David's life was marked by seasons of great peace as well as times of fear and heartache.

Heartfelt confidence that our sovereign God is working everything together for your good affects every area of your life. When you trust in the truth that God is seeing that everything in your life turns out for your good, then your heart will not yield to the circumstances no matter how long you have to wait to see it.

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