



secret weapons

Anointing

1 Samuel 16:1-13, 19

We are introduced to David in 1 Samuel 16, where the Lord instructs the prophet Samuel to go to Jesse of Bethlehem and to anoint the one the Lord identifies as the new king of Israel. This boy named David who wasn't even invited to his own anointing party would later fearlessly slay Goliath and become the King of Israel. The first secret weapon in David's success walking into his purpose was God's anointing. In this sermon, we will discover how Christians can discover and walk in their anointing.

Let's recap with lessons from the message.

I AM ANOINTED TO ACCOMPLISH MY ASSIGNMENT. 1 Samuel 16, the Lord instructs the prophet Samuel to go to Jesse of Bethlehem and to anoint the one the Lord identifies as the King of Israel. David did not know he was God's chosen. The same is true for many of us. To be anointed means to be singled out by God for special favor and responsibility. Though we are not called to be a king, we are anointed by God to achieve important works but we are sometimes unaware of our own anointing. While the Lord would anoint David through the prophet Samuel, in John 14, Jesus promises us that the Holy Spirit would anoint each and every one of us. Our anointing is meant to enable, equip, and empower us every day.

I MAY NOT BE VISIBLE BUT I KNOW I'M NOT VALUABLE. David was left out by everyone else, but in God's eyes, he was the one. In 1 Samuel 16, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint David, who wasn't even with his brothers. Sometimes we may feel left out, but we must never forget that God always picks people in obscurity to accomplish his purposes. Invisibility does not mean insignificance. When God knows where you are, no one else has to know where you are... When you aren't visible, God is saving you and protecting me for something special. Just because your assignment is not visible, it does not mean your anointing is not valuable.

I DON'T NEED A BIGGER ASSIGNMENT TO WALK IN MY ANOINTING. After Samuel anoints David in verse 13, the next time we see David is not on a grand assignment. He was bringing lunch to his important brothers. God's anointing doesn't always immediately warrant a greater assignment. God does not promise a bigger role with every fresh anointing. Sometimes, he keeps you where you're at to develop you for something greater. When you keep doing what you do, you will become the person that God always knew you were.

Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe your current assignment? How might you be anointed specifically for that?
2. Who do you know that lives an "invisible" calling, but makes a valuable impact on your faith? What do you find admirable in them?
3. How do you encourage yourself to stay faithful to something when you don't feel valued?
4. What are the things you do that no one sees that are preparing you to receive a greater anointing in your life? How can you find more ways to do these things in 2021?
5. What "greater assignments" are you aspiring for? What is happening in your current assignment that will prepare you for the battles you will face in your future assignments?

Prayer Guide

1. Is there anyone in the group who might be struggling about having a vision for their life (due to failed plans, unanswered prayers, confusing situations)? Pray for them.
2. Is there anyone in the group whom God might be calling to step up and start using their anointing or greater responsibility? Is there anyone in the group who need some push to do better in their responsibility? Pray for them.