



HEART: A STORY OF KING DAVID!

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Why God Chooses Us!

God sees beyond appearance to the heart. Is our heart fully committed to God?

Unexpected Choices

To See Beyond Appearances

1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

Complete these sayings: 'Diamond in the rough!' 'It's what's on the inside that matters!' 'You can't judge a book by its cover!' 'Looks can be deceiving!' 'Appearance isn't everything!'

We are—people are, so much more than appearances...we often forget that!

Aladdin; Cinderella; Rudy; Sea Biscuit; Ugly Duckling; Annie...US!

A recurring Biblical plot: "With God, nobodies become somebodies!" Why?

Noah. Genesis 6:9 NIV

Moses. Numbers 12:3 NIV

Abraham. James 2:23 NIV

Gideon. Judges 6:12b,15 NIV

Mary. Luke 1:38,48a,52b NIV

Paul. 1 Timothy 1:16 NIV

Us. 1 Corinthians 1:26-30 MSG

'Choosing the Unexpected' by Andy Otto

Why does God choose so-called nobodies? In one word: reliance!

2 Corinthians 1:9b NIV

We are the, 'least likely, common, ordinary, unnoticed, nobodies.'

With God—we become the, 'most likely, uncommon, extraordinary, noticed, somebodies.'

God sees beyond appearances to the heart. Do we, really?

A Case Study: Saul & David

Saul: Chosen by Outward Looks & Appearance

1 Samuel 9:2 & 15:26 NIV

David: Chosen by Inward Heart & Character

1 Samuel 16:7,11-13 NIV

God chose David. Why?

Acts 13:22,36a NIV

God chooses us! 1 Peter 2:9 NIV & John 15:16a NIV

Will we choose Him? Joshua 24:15 NIV & Deuteronomy 30:19b NIV

We are chosen? Are we living like it? Colossians 3:12-14 NIV

Rick Warren, "The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart!"

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2 Chronicles 16:9a NIV Psalm 139:23-24 NLT

Search + Know + Test + Point Out + Lead = A Heart Fully Committed to God

Is our heart fully committed to God? 1 Samuel 16:7b NIV

MEMORY VERSE

"...The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

REFLECT

Questions to reflect on in your personal quiet time, with the family and/or in your Life Group.

1. Share your understanding of what the message was about.

2. Let's share what God said to us through the message.

3. Read 1 Samuel 16:7. 'Look at' is used 4 times. What's significant about this phrase to God? Why? Application?

4. God chooses us. Will we choose Him? Read 1 Peter 2:9; John 15:16; Joshua 24:15 & Deuteronomy 30:19.

5. We are chosen by God. Are we living like it? Read Colossians 3:12-17.

6. Is our heart fully committed to God? Are we desiring and chasing after His heart? Read Acts 13:22; Psalm 139:23-24.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DISCOVER CENTRAL

Whether it's your first time at Central or you have been coming for a while, we want to help you get connected. Discover Central is an informal get-together with our pastoral staff. During this luncheon, you will have an opportunity to learn more about Central, hear our heart and vision for the church and ask any questions you may have. We hope you will join us today, June 2 at 12:45 PM in Room 410. If you have kids, infants - 5th grade, we will have childcare and lunch available for them in Central Kids, Building 100 at 12:30 PM

RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

This summer, our High School students and leaders are going to a conference in Tennessee for one week where they will experience powerful worship, teachings, small group discussions, fun activities, and more. We'd like to help create an opportunity for students to raise the funds needed to pay for the conference, and one such way is through our annual Rummage Sale event happening on June 7th and 8th. Here, the students will collect items to sell and receive a big portion of the proceeds. If you'd like to support our students by donating items, give us a call at 622-1119 or email students@c3ocala.com to schedule a drop-off.

JUMP START

Jump Start is an annual outreach event in which we supply school supplies to kids in our community by inviting them and their family to enjoy a fun day with bounce houses, pony rides, a free lunch, community resources and so much more! This year we plan to fill another 600 packs and provide a great experience for the kids and their families on Saturday, Aug 3. To make Jump Start a reality, we're going to need donations toward the school supplies, and that's where you come in! Each pack of supplies cost \$10; that's a total of \$6,000 to meet our goal! To make a donation for school supplies, visit c3ocala.com/jumpstart, text the dollar amount you want to give along with the word "jumpstart" to 84321 or use the specially marked envelope provided in the chair in front of you. Let's help kids and their families get a Jump Start this school year!