

Week 2:

Preparing for Your Moment



Questions

1. What illustration, story or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Pastor John illustrated that David served faithfully in three different ways. (in the fields, in Saul's palace, and delivering food to his brothers) How has serving faithfully had an impact on your story?
3. Read 1 Samuel 16:14-23, imagining yourself as both David and his dad, Jesse. What thoughts would be going through your mind? What ways have you overcome fears and anxieties to help you not miss a moment? When have you realized you missed a moment?
4. Read 1 Samuel 17:33. When have you underestimated the ability of God to work in someone's story in the same way Saul did with David?
5. 1 Samuel 17:15 tells us that David was going back and forth from Saul to care for his father's sheep in Bethlehem. Do you think that helped him prepare to balance the tension between Saul and his Father in heaven later in his life? Why or why not?
6. In 1 Samuel 17:22, David runs to the battlefield. What are some moments of your life when you've "run" to get where you're going? Was God glorified in those moments, or were they times when you should have been more measured in your actions?
7. Samuel provided direction and encouragement to David. Who are some "Samuels" that God has provided in your life? How have they guided you? Call or text them this week and thank them for their impact on your life!

Scripture References

Read 1 Samuel 12:26; 1 Samuel 16:11; 1 Samuel 16:21-22; 1 Samuel 17:1,4,11-37; Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 3:23; John 17:4

Takeaways

- Faithfully serving with a big view of God will prepare you and place you in your breakthrough moments
- Four things that must be true of you for your life story to be its "best":
 - You served faithfully in unseen preparation
 - You didn't run from struggle, but looked to God in your struggle and got stronger for it
 - You did your part, but didn't do it alone
 - You lived like Almighty God is with you and you're on *His* team
- By serving the body of Christ, you attach yourself to the greatest story of all history and eternity

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Weekly Action Step

Write down what you are actively doing to place yourself in a position to serve God faithfully to prepare for your next breakthrough moment. If you're not actively doing that, then sketch out a plan to start serving Him in at least one specific way before the end of this month.