

The Dilemma of My Destiny

1 Sam. 16:11

The destiny of David was hidden and shielded by:

- Parental rejection
- Family despising of his spiritual self esteem
- By social isolation

And like David, God has chosen you out from the insignificant experiences for very serious Kingdom business. I'm here with a prophetic Word for this church tonight!

God's nature is to cultivate powerful destinies through the insignificant mundane experiences of life. All because He does not want flesh getting any glory for how He uses us when our destinies unfold.

- a) So God cultivates your destiny through the same journey He did David. So you can believe in yourself according to the destiny God has foreordained.
- b) God is wrestling with us to find and agree and operate our personal destiny and quit operating our own or one somebody else gave us.

If we are ignorant to our personal destinies:

- a) We will not take ownership to the local church vision because we see ourselves with a value system that does not come from Samuel's horn of oil for us.
- b) We will fight demons wrong.
- c) We will misunderstand relationship conflicts.
- d) We will spend our time and money wrong.
- e) We will choose the wrong friends and marriage partners.
- f) We will even dress wrong.

All because we don't understand or agree with Samuel's horn of oil that is to be poured on us to empower our personal destiny.

Let's look a little closer at 1 Sam 16

- Read vs. 1 – Samuel understood his destiny so he did not allow the failures of those he loved to keep him from obedient with his assignments. He anointed Saul to be king and he took it personally. He appeared to be a failing prophet.
- God's destiny at times will say get up from your emotional paralysis and fulfill the destiny and purpose I made you for. In other words, our prayer life must be focused on God's destiny and not what we want personally.
- Vs. 2 – Samuel's fears began to stop his destiny right in his tracks. This is where some of you are right now. You fear man and people's opinions more than God. But God factors in our flaws and fears and still believes in us to obey our assignments.
- Vs. 3 – Where did God tell Samuel to invited Jesse? Answer – to the sacrifice. So did Samuel go to Jesse's house to anoint David? Answer – No he did not. That's what I thought Samuel did. Had he done that, Saul would have found out and killed him. Jesse and his sons went to a special, designated place of sacrifice in order to find David's destiny.

So here is what we need to extract from verses 2-4. Two things we need to find and understand concerning our destiny.

1. We must find our place of personal sacrifice.
 - a. It's not at daddy Jesse's house.
 - b. It's not in our career or school successes.
 - c. It's not just in being morally and working in the church. If that was the case, David's brothers would have been selected.
 - d. The place of sacrifice is you personalizing God's voice of Calvary and the palanquin bed to your will, mind, and emotions.
 - e. The place of sacrifice is pursuing after God with passion while under attack until He personalizes His voice to you.
 - f. You can't find your personal destiny by pursuing your self-catered ambitions with no restraint on your carnal appetites.
2. The second thing we need to find and understand concerning our destiny – it's in vs. 4.
 - a. They trembled at the prophetic Rhema Word of God. They thought Samuel was coming with a strong Word.
 - b. Do you tremble with great seriousness when the Rhema God comes to you or do you dismiss it or become hardened and stubborn?
 - c. If you want to find and understand your own destiny you must develop a reverential trembling mentality for the Rhema Word when it speaks to you concerning your destiny.

Read vs 6-7 – This is God's heart and nature when developing your destiny. We spend way too much time trying to either impress others or build a reputation that others won't criticize. This is not God's heart for personalizing His destiny for you. So don't elevate other people in some spiritual level and stature that puts you down and inferior. God is always searching for the unassuming people that get overlooked for being used.

Read Vs. 8-9 – God is showing us when I choose my destiny it's because of the same reasons God did with David. Read vs. 10-11.

- a) David was overlooked.
- b) David was not treated equal by his own brethren.
- c) Nobody saw any good leadership qualities in him.

Look what David says about himself in Ps. 69:6-10

- God is cultivating David's personal destiny through the wilderness of relational rejection and abandonment by interpreting loneliness and rejection properly.
- God saw in David's heart, something others did not see. God's foreknowledge knew everyone around Him would not cherish His heart like David would.
 - David cherished caring for the sheep.
- David took the small things and the insignificant things of God more serious than his brother's did.
- He saw sheep as valuable. He fought for them.
- He saw ministering to God in music and worship as the 4 levels of wealth.
- David did not despise his isolation sheep days. It's what cultivated his destiny as King.

- David's destiny was cultivated in the atmosphere of a king who threw spears at him while operating his music ministry, in 1 Sam 16:23 David was on the run from Saul for 7 years after being anointed king.
- David kept God's heart while his brother Eliab showed public jealousy towards him in 1 Sam 17:28. Eliab was the first to be rejected as king.
- God cultivates your real ministry in the atmosphere of jealous Eliab's.
- God cultivated David's heart, destiny, and ministry with the mundane faithfulness in 1 Sam 17:14-18.

Knowing and getting comfortable with the flaws and weaknesses of our personal destiny prepares us to get in unity with the local church vision. Read 1 Sam 17:33-38

You will cultivate your talents and gifting's to the local church by way of your personal insignificant experiences.

- David learned to love people and respond properly to relational hurts through his wilderness experiences.
- I'm preaching this tonight because some of us are not responding to the enemy and relationship conflicts properly.
- Read 1 Sam 17:29-32
- Read 1 Sam 17:37

We need a paradigm shift in how we see ourselves.

- Read Is. 46:10
- 1 Thes. 3:3-4
- Ps. 37:23-24
- Jer. 1:5
- John 15:16
- 1 Cor. 1:25-29

The kind of enemies we fight reveal the personal destiny and authority we have.

God wants us to see what Gideon's enemy sees.

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