GOD'S MAN – GOD'S TIME – GOD'S PLACE

"It's About The Heart"

1 Samuel

INTRODUCTION:

1. Leadership is about the heart.
    a) A servant's heart.

2. Saul was chosen because of his Victories against Israel's enemies.

3. David was chosen because of his heart.

4. **1 Samuel 16:12**
    a) "**Ruddy**" – a fresh, healthy color, reddish
    b) Beautiful eyes
    c) Handsome

5. **1 Samuel 8:5**

I. THE <u>PEOPLES</u> CHOICE

1. People just want to be like everybody else.

2. **1 Samuel 8:7-8**

3. The people were tired of worshiping a God they could not see.
    a) They wanted a king like other nations.
        1) The Philistines, the Moabites, the Jebusites and every other nation.

4. **VERY IMPORTANT** – God gave them what they asked for!!
    a) They chose Saul!
        1) Tall, dark, and handsome.
        2) Became the King of Israel @ the age of 40.

5. **1 Samuel 8:10-18**

6. **1 Samuel 8:19-22**

7. **1 Samuel 9:1-2**

8. Before long King Saul became a thin-skinned, hot-tempered and even thoughts of murder.

II. THE <u>LORD'S</u> CHOICE

1. The Situation
    a) **1 Samuel 13:5-14**

2. **Vs 14**
    a) "**a man**"

3. God didn't seek out a committee.

4. What kind of people does God choose and use?

5. **1 Corinthians 1:26-29**
    a) The context has to do with how people viewed Paul.
        1) **The Jews** were looking for a sign **Vs 20-25**
        2) **The Greeks** – wisdom, brains, brawn and beauty.
    b) The superficial impresses us much more than we'd like to admit.

III. THREE QUALITIES OF A <u>LEADER</u>

A. <u>SPIRITUALITY</u>

1. "***a man (woman) after God's own heart***."

2. What exactly does that mean? It means:
    a) What is important to God is important to you!
    b) What burdens God, burdens you!
    c) What God loves, you love!
    d) What God hates, you hate!

3. ***2 Chronicles 16:9***

4. God is looking for men and women whose hearts are completely his. **COMPLETELY**!!!!!!!!
    a) No locked closets!!

B. <u>HUMILITY</u>

1. ***1 Samuel 16:1***

2. God was @ Jesse' house and he didn't even know it.

3. God was on a secret surveillance mission in that home and located His man!

a) ***Psalm 78:70***
b) ***Psalm 89:20***

4. God was on the lookout for character.

5. When you have a servants heart, you have a humble heart.

C. <u>INTEGRITY</u>

1. ***Psalm 78:71-72***

2. God is looking for deeply spiritual, genuinely humble, honest – to – the – core servants who have integrity.

3. Integrity is what you are when nobodies looking.
   a) But God is!!

IV. GOD'S TRAINING METHOD

A. <u>SOLITUDE</u>

1. Learned from life lessons.

2. David had alone time with God.
   a) David spent many a night gazing into the stars.
      1) ***Psalm 19:1***

B. <u>OBSCURITY</u>

1. Those who accept the silence of obscurity are but qualified to handle the applause of popularity.

C. <u>CONTENTMENT</u>

1. Being satisfied and fulfilled in the mundane, uneventful chores of life.

2. ***Philippians 4:11***

D. <u>REALIST</u>

1. ***1 Samuel 17:34-35***

2. David developed his courage from his alone time with God.

3. Goliath was no big deal to David.

a) He was already killing Bears and Lions when nobody was around.