



DGM Message Title: The Final Say

Topic: Trust God and learn patience for His perfect choices.

Message Summary: God looks at the inner character and heart of a person rather than the outer strength, beauty or talents. His choices are always perfect. We can trust God to do what is best for us if we wait patiently for Him to have the final say.

Scriptural References:

- **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Key Points:

- God asked Samuel how long he was going to mourn for Saul.
 - “The past is like a voicemail you already heard; it never has anything new to say.” – BG
 - “Don’t let yesterday use up too much of today.” – Cherokee Proverb
 - “We all get down in the dumps sometimes, but if you stay there too long, everything about you will start to smell like garbage.” – BG
 - So, make sure that you are walking through the valley of the shadow, that you are walking through the dumps. And you’re not pitching a tent there.
- The Lord told Samuel that He had a new king for them. This was the Lord’s choice.
 - Samuel and the people chose Saul, but now God wanted to send Samuel to Jesse’s household for His choice.
 - God always has a ram in the bush; we have to look up for God’s solution.
- “A simple “hello” to someone you don’t know yet can change your life!” – BG
- Samuel was afraid of Saul, but God had a provision.
 - Why would Samuel be concerned about someone who would kill him if he obeyed God?
 - Relax ... We’re all crazy! It’s not a competition!
- God told Samuel to take a ram to sacrifice to not alarm Saul. This was so Saul wouldn’t know that Samuel was looking to anoint a new king.
 - Concealment is okay sometimes, but we don’t want to make a habit of covering up what we’re doing.
 - “Trust is a fragile thing; easy to BREAK, easy to LOSE and one of the hardest things to get back WHEN IT’S GONE.” —BG
 - So, make sure your words are sweet and truthful.
- God doesn’t tell us everything up front. It’s only after we take the first step that He tells us the next step.
- We sometimes anoint people in our lives that God has no part in. He may not even know them!
 - “God is only obligated to help the relationships that He is a part of.” – BG
- We, too often, try to fix what is broken that He’s already condemned.

- “God gives us authorities not to limit us, but to check us before we go out of bounds.” – BG
 - He puts people in our lives because He loves us.
- Samuel goes to house of Jesse in peace and instructs them to “sanctify” themselves, which is to clean up and abstain from anything that would distract them from God.
 - “Just 10% extra effort makes a 100% difference.” – BG
 - It was customary for the priest to visit the most prominent family in the village and Jesse was probably the sheik for this village.
- Jesse’s sons would carry out the sacrifice.
- Samuel looked at each of Jesse’s sons to see who was the Lord’s anointed.
- But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For *the Lord does not see as man sees*; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (NKJV) verse 7
 - When Dr. Grier was younger, people always told him that he didn’t “look like” a pastor.
 - God does not skimp on His work and for His people.
- He wanted an “unblemished” lamb for the sacrifice.
 - If your plan A doesn’t work, there are 25 other letters in the alphabet.
 - “Only God gets it right the first time” – Stephen King
 - We spend so much time looking at the outward appearance and we haven’t taken a minute to pray, which is why we end up with some of the “jokers” we end up with.
- Samuel went through 7 of Jesse’s sons and didn’t find the Lord’s choice.
 - Be patient.
- One kid was so unlikely that they didn’t even invite him to the party.
 - No one can keep from you what God wants for you.
- Samuel asked for Jesse to bring in his other son.
 - Wouldn’t be great if people looked on the outside what they were like on the inside?
- God will turn things around.
- God has the final say:
 - When people leave you out...
 - When people say you won’t never be nothing...
 - When people say you’re not going anywhere...
 - When people look down on you...
 - When people say you’re good for nothing...
 - ...You’re a nobody
 - ---You ain’t ever going to make it...
 - God has the final say.
- In this situation, God surely did have the final say!
- David didn’t look like the other boys. Red hair that was uncommon. He had bright eyes and was good looking. He was a great warrior, but his greatest talent was his inner quality of tenderness.
 - “Never be so ugly that all you have is a pretty face!” – BG
 - It’s not always up to what people see in you. It’s what God sees in you that matters.
 - “If the place we should dig for gold were obvious on the surface, everyone would be a millionaire!” – BG
 - Can’t just live by your eyes and your ears, you have to listen to your heart and let the Lord guide you.
- “I’d rather have an ounce of anointing over a ton of talent any day.” BG
- If God is all you have, you have all you need.