

THE LIFE OF DAVID

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AFTER  
GOD'S  
HEART

“The Unexpected King”  
1 Samuel 16:1-13



# Eugene Peterson

[David] has little wisdom to pass on to us on how to live successfully. He was an unfortunate parent and an unfaithful husband. From a purely historical point of view he was a barbaric chieftain with a talent for poetry. But David's importance isn't in his morality or his military prowess but in his experience of and witness to God. Every event in his life was a confrontation with God.

At its core, the story of David is the story of a person growing more and more alive to God.





# 1 Samuel 15:30

Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now before the elders of **my** people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may bow before the LORD **your** God."

# 1 Samuel 15:10-11

The word of the LORD came to Samuel:  
“I regret that I have made Saul king ...



# 1 Samuel 15:29

And also the Glory of Israel will not lie  
or have regret, for he is not a man, that  
he should have regret.

# 1 Samuel 12:13

And now behold the king whom **you** have chosen, for whom **you** have asked; behold, the LORD has set a king over you.



## 2 Samuel 1:19-24

Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!

Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.



## 2 Samuel 1:19-24



You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor fields of offerings! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil.

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

## 2 Samuel 1:19-24



Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles; they were stronger than lions.

You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet, who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.



## 1 Samuel 15:35

And Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.



# 1 Samuel 16:1

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons."



# 1 Samuel 16:1

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have **seen** for myself a king among his sons."



# 1 Samuel 16:2-3

And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me."

And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you."



# 1 Samuel 16:4-5

Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?"

And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.



# 1 Samuel 16:6-7

When they came, he **looked** on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him."

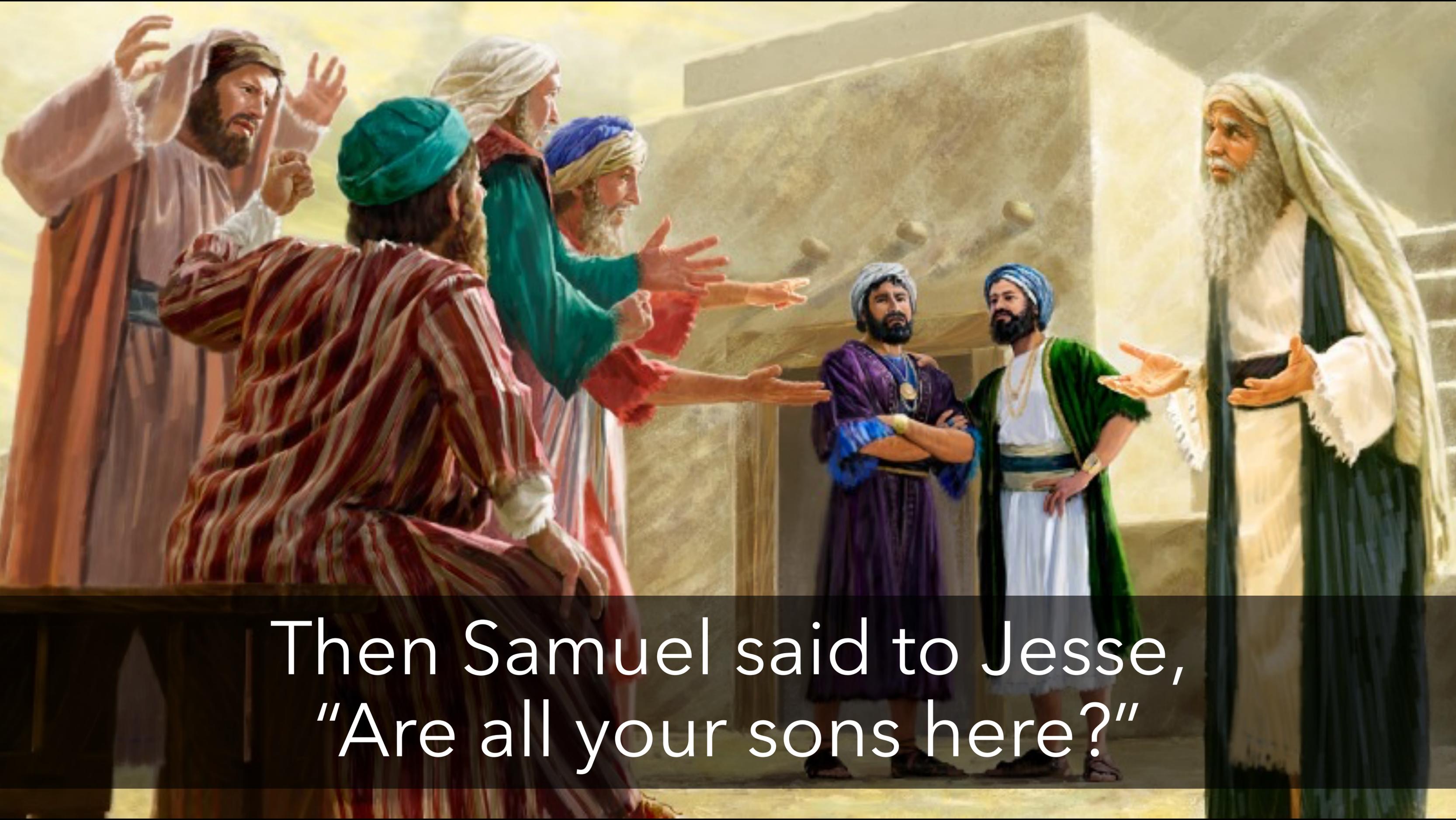
But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not **look** on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD **sees** not as man **sees**: man **looks** on the outward appearance, but the LORD **looks** on the heart."

# 1 Samuel 16:8-10

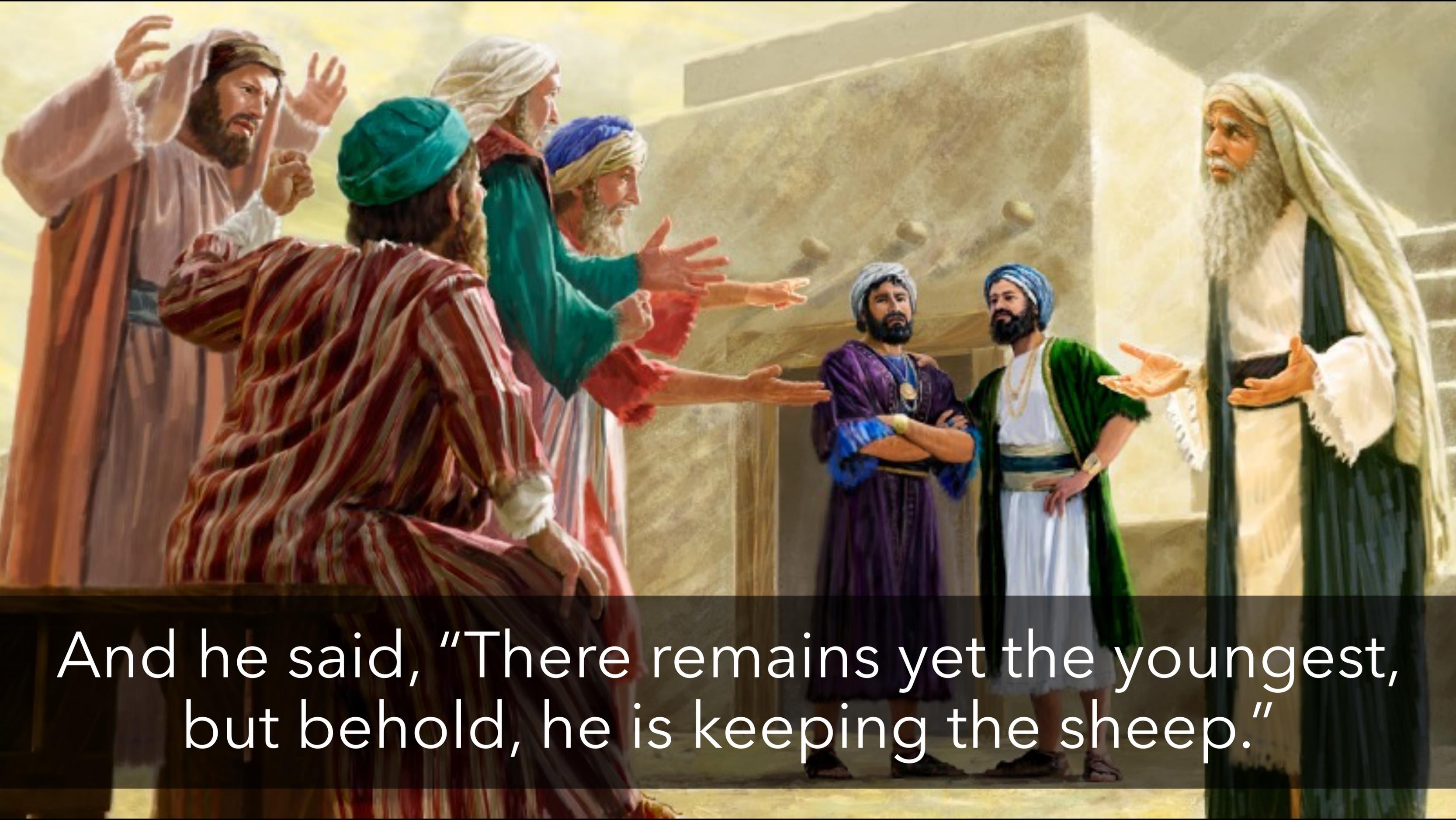
Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."







Then Samuel said to Jesse,  
"Are all your sons here?"



And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep."



And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here."

# 1 Samuel 16:12-13

And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.





Our worth comes not  
from our attractiveness or  
accomplishments, but  
from God's grace.













## 2 Chronicles 16:9

For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those **whose hearts are fully committed to him.**



## 1 Samuel 8:7

And the LORD said to Samuel,  
“Obey the voice of the people in  
all that they say to you, for they  
have not rejected you, but **they**  
**have rejected me from being**  
**king over them.**





# Philip Yancey

Sociologists have a theory of the looking-glass self: you become what the most important person in your life (wife, father, boss, etc.) thinks you are. How would my life change if I truly believed the Bible's astounding words about God's love for me, if I looked in the mirror and saw what God sees? ... By instinct I feel I must *do something* in order to be accepted. Grace sounds a startling note of contradiction, of liberation, and every day I must pray anew for the ability to hear its message.

