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# 1 Samuel 16:1b

Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king.”

# 1 Samuel 16:2

But Samuel asked, “How can I do that? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

“Take a heifer with you,” the Lord replied, “and say that you have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord.”

# 1 Samuel 16:3

**Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me.”**

# 1 Samuel 16:4

So Samuel did as the Lord instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. “What’s wrong?” they asked. “Do you come in peace?”

# 1 Samuel 16:5

**“Yes,” Samuel replied. “I have come to sacrifice to the Lord. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too.**

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When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!”



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But the Lord said to Samuel,  
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Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the Lord has chosen.”

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In the same way all seven of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these."

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Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats.”

# 1 Samuel 16:11b

**“Send for him at once,” Samuel said. “We will not sit down to eat until he arrives.”**

# 1 Samuel 16:12

So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the Lord said, “This is the one; anoint him.”



# 1 Samuel 16:13a

So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil.

# **1 Samuel 16:13b**

**And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah.**

# A Recap of Last Week

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# Defining Identity

**The FACT of who or what a person is. Identity often dictates purpose.**

# The Myth About Identity

**Throughout your teenage years and your early twenties, you will figure out your identity, then you will spend the rest of your life living it out.**

# Your God Breathed Identity

**The culmination of the unique ways in which God has created you to highlight specific attributes of His character and to fulfill His will. It is what makes you unique in the Kingdom of God. It is what makes you God's masterpiece.**

# Your God Breathed Identity

**Your God Breathed Identity comes with unique personality, values, convictions, passions, circumstances, purposes, roles, skills, abilities, giftings, experiences, blessings, failures, struggles, situations, heartbreaks, and anointings.**



# Background of the Text

# Who was David?

- Youngest brother of 8
- Harp player
- Poem writer
- Short
- Handsome
- Ruddy – Beautiful Skin
- Beautiful eyes

# Principle #1

**Your God Breathed Identity is about discovering and becoming who God originally created you to be.**

**Long before you ever came to know God, God knew you and He has always had a plan for you and for your life.**

# 1 Samuel 13:13

And Samuel said to Saul, “You have done foolishly. You have not kept the command of the Lord your God, with which he commanded you. For then the Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever.

# 1 Samuel 13:14

**But now your kingdom shall not continue. The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart, and the Lord has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you.”**

# Principle #2

**Discovering your God Breathed Identity is dependent on God's grace, God's revelation, and on being in relationship with Him; because He is the author, designer, and creator of your life.**

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# Principle #3

**As you set out to discover and receive your God Breathed Identity, you are going to have to work thru a number of false identities and a number of imitations that you have accidentally accepted over the years.**

**Some of the false identities you will have to deal with came from your enemies, some came from your family and friends, and some even came from you.**

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# Principle #4

**Being transformed into your God  
Breathed Identity, which is a  
major part of the sanctification  
process, is a life long process. It  
requires many profound and  
transformative Holy Spirit led  
works of the heart.**

**It is not uncommon for you to run into devastating, early opposition that will knock you on your rear end once you embark on your quest to operate out of your God Breathed Identity. Rather than responding favorably to your anointing, most people will become resistant in order to maintain their own control of who they think you should be.**

# Principle #5

**Once you have entered into the process of genuinely and passionately following God, from that point forward, your God Breathed Identity, your calling, and your destiny are all God's responsibility.**

# David's 3 Anointings

- Anointed king in front of his brethren (when only God knew his potential) 1 Sam. 16:7
- David was anointed as King of Judah 2 Sam. 2:4 – 13 years
- Anointed King over all of Israel 2 Sam. 5:3



# Principle #6

**God will continuously confirm your identity, your calling, and your destiny throughout your life. ESPECIALLY, when you are hurting, when the pain appears to be too much, and when you feel like giving up.**

**Most faithful followers of Christ will find themselves in circumstances where their God Breathed Identity is challenged and impeded. Those situations establish thresholds of pain that they must tolerate and work through in order to accomplish their Kingdom purpose.**

**Those who courageously decide to faithfully live out their God Breathed Identity will learn to embrace the fact that pain, struggle, heartache, discomfort, and conflict are all a part of the package. They are the flip side of the anointing and the blessing.**

# Principle #7

**Your ability to successfully receive, grow into, and operate out of your God breathed identity is based on the fact that God will continuously pour out His unconditional love on you, over and over and over again.**

**As a result of God's unconditional love for those who love Him and who faithfully follow Him, you are given the power and freedom to develop consistency in becoming who God created you to be in every area of your identity, faith, and life.**

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