

Session 3 – Lessons from David’s Call

Trust God’s Timing and Equipping

Text: 1 Samuel 17:32–40

1. Don’t Dismiss God’s Call in Others (v.33)

- Saul doubted David because of his age.
 - We must not negate someone’s calling because it looks different.
 - God often uses unlikely people.
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2. Don’t Fight in Someone Else’s Armor (v.38–39)

- David rejected Saul’s armor and used his sling.
 - God equips each person uniquely.
 - Imitation limits effectiveness—be authentic.
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3. Your Past Prepares You (v.34–37)

- David’s battles with lions and bears prepared him for Goliath.
 - Your experiences reveal what you’re ready for.
 - Both victories and struggles shape your calling.
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Biblical Examples

- **Moses:** Had to unlearn before fulfilling his purpose.
 - **Joseph:** Developed through hardship, not comfort.
 - **David:** Anointed early but waited—didn’t force God’s timing.
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Application

- Accept your uniqueness (gifts, talents, experiences).
 - Take inventory—what gifts and talents do I actually have? What do others confirm?
 - Reflect on your life—God often speaks through difficult seasons.
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Key Takeaway:

- God prepares, equips, and positions you in His timing—you don’t need to force it or copy others.

Your Story

Incident		Insight		Incident		Insight	
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Go to the beginning and recall significant events (those “highlights” and experiences) in your life, that you feel had an impact on your development and the insights you gained from them. Also note the people (mentors) and circumstances that you believe God used to shape you. Note that every item may not represent a new insight but be a reminder.

Remember: those painful times may be the most significant.

Ask yourself:

What patterns do you see?
 What lessons were learned?
 What did you feel God may have been saying?
 What does it say about what you are passionate about?

What lessons seemed to be repeating themselves?
 What may I be missing it?
 What might it say about your calling?
 What should be some of my next steps?