

Come As You Are (CAYA) Service  
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**Courage To BE**

Scripture Reference - **1 Samuel 16:1-13 (ESV)**

[1 Sam. 16:1-13](#) Anointing of David. God indicates to Samuel that of all the sons of Jesse, David, the least likely, is his choice. After David's anointing (which is done with a limited audience), the Spirit of God empowers him for service.

[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."

[2] 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.'

[3] 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."

[4] 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?"

[5] 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.

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

[7] 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."

[8] Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

[9] Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one."

[10] And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these."

[11] 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."

[12] 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."

[13] 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.

We don't know how many chances we get to get it right

We never want God to regret what He's done in our life

Sometimes in life, what we see, we'll edit Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd. I see what I want!"

The Prophet Samuel judges Position over Appearance

Samuel is the prophet, but makes the mistake of judging what he saw!

Never trust out physical eyes for that what God has sent in our life

God says that the 1st one was NOT the one he was looking for; rejected

Even though the seven sons had the look, they were not anointed!

People can have a Godly appearance but the oil won't flow. They don't have oil. We can't walk with the oil-less

They need oil for themselves. Our oil can't cover them!

When God has anointed you to an assignment, He will put everything on pause, reach around folk to get you to send you to your place.

David is anointed and returns to the fields (the place where they got him from).

We think because God has called us, we are on a straight, fast path. God will take us on a “curved” path to get us where we need to be.

### **1 Samuel 17:19-23 (ESV)**

[19] Now Saul and they and all the men of Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. [20] And David rose early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper and took the provisions and went, as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the encampment as the host was going out to the battle line, shouting the war cry. [21] And Israel and the Philistines drew up for battle, army against army. [22] And David left the things in charge of the keeper of the baggage and ran to the ranks and went and greeted his brothers. [23] As he talked with them, behold, the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, came up out of the ranks of the Philistines and spoke the same words as before. And David heard him.

David has been anointed, but has to serve Saul, who has an evil spirit.

We know that we are called by God, but still have to serve folk who ain't never heard of God!

Folks who claim they are anointed, but don't operate in obedience

if you are anointed, you ought to operate in obedience

You don't become a spiritual snob and can't get along with anyone else

Note: YOU CAN'T GOOGLE YOUR WAY TO GOD !

### Operate in Obedience to God

God operates in Order

The evidence of this is in His Gifts but also in His Fruit

**DEF** Gifts: free

**DEF** Fruits: cultivated - grown in the spirit to recognize obedience

obedience leads to opportunity

While David is being obedient, he overheard Goliath (v23)

Opportunity in God generally masquerades as obstacles

set-up for a let-down

### Operate in Spiritual Recognition

Sight - understanding of what exists in the natural; what something is

Vision - a step beyond sight; acknowledges what is, but understands what can be;

the way things look aren't the way they have to be

“I see what is, but I see what can be”

Recognition - requires you to bring something to the table

🕒 The adversary wants us to operate in sight - looks bad - but it doesn't have to be bad. In sight things always look bad !

🕒 The untrained eye can't recognize what is going on. When we operate through the eyes of faith, there are certain things that come up in life that you recognize just to give God some glory !!

David recognizes that there is an opportunity here.

1 Samuel 17:28 - Immediately, Eliab, David's older brother, starts hating on David. Eliab is a soldier who has been quiet since Goliath has been shouting his usual defiances. Eliab was also the 1st one to get rejected by Samuel.

✅ Before you do the will of God, you've got to fight some stuff, internally, before you fight externally. Recognize that it is those who are most familiar with you that will be the most difficult to overcome to achieve the assignment on your life.

Mark 6:1-6

[1] He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. [2] And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? [3] Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. [4] And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household." [5] And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. [6] And he marveled because of their unbelief.

The People could not receive who God called Jesus to Be

- ✅ Jesus Restores a demon possessed man
- ✅ Jesus Raises a dead girl
- ✅ Jesus Heals a sick woman

You can't let everyone have access into your life. Refuse to GIVE UP what GOD has FOR YOU!

✅ We can't keep folks around us for the sake of XXXXX if they can't accept what God has called us to do.

🕒 David goes to see Saul (David is seen as not being qualified)

🕒 Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

🕒 People act like they know you - David was always looked over

🕒 God's Anointing will make Room for you

"We haven't made it this far because the devil hasn't tried to take us out"

1 Samuel 17:34-37 (ESV)

[34] But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, [35] I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. [36] Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." [37] And David said, "The LORD who

delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you!”

- 👤 No matter what the system says, God’s anointing will put us where we need to be.
- 👤 People will use arbitrary indicators to judge us to try to bring us back down to where they think we should be.

Saul gives David his armor

- ☑️ made to fit Saul, not David
- ☑️ You can’t fight a battle with someone else’s stuff; put on your OWN armor

**DEF** Sling - projectile weapon typically used to throw a blunt projectile such as a stone or lead "sling-bullet". It is also known as the shepherd's sling; it was made of cloth, not rubber like a slingshot.

When you trust what God has given you (courage to be yourself), you will get the victory that God originally gave you.

- ☑️ problem with gangsters in the world but punks in faith.