

KINGDOM VISION

DAVID
& SAUL



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You'll meet 2 men.

The 2 donkeys you're looking for will be found.

Then you'll go further, and you'll see 3 men, one with 3 young goats and another with 3 loaves of bread and some wine.

They'll give you 2 loaves of bread.

Then you'll go to the city, and then there will be some prophets, prophesying, and then God's Spirit will fill you and you'll prophesy with them.

and then it happens. and Saul is prophesying, and some people are pretty amazed, like how is this possible. And then he goes to his uncle, and his uncle's like where have you been... and Saul says he spoke to Samuel, and the uncle says, what did Samuel say— and Saul omits the part about being anointed as king.

Saul is scared. He's a bit insecure. He's a bit lost. He's a bit wary. It's not clear he even believes it.

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Cast lots

20 Then Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot. 21 He brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its clans, and the clan of the Matrites was taken by lot; and Saul the son of Kish was taken by lot. But when they sought him, he could not be found.

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24 And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen? There is none like him among all the people." And all the people shouted, "Long live the king!"

Saul is hiding! I mean, it's like he doesn't want to be king. Why would that be the case? He's ashamed? He's insecure? He's unable to? And you're starting to get an idea...

But that's just like us isn't it? I mean, that's how we see things...



1 SAMUEL 10:21-23

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26 Saul also went to his home in Gibeah, accompanied by valiant men whose hearts God had touched. 27 But some scoundrels said, “How can this fellow save us?” They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent.

insecurity, worried about what people think. he’s got all these different issues going on in his head.

is he good enough to be king.



SAUL

anxious. nervous. worried.
uncertain. doubting.

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he doesn't know what to do. he's king, he's feeling pressure. he's worried about what to do. he's worried about the battle. and he's stressing out. so he just takes the sacrifice and does it himself — it's what we would do right?



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Samuel shows up and says, what? why have you done this?



SAUL

insecure. trying to be king.
trying to be in control. feeling
lost and frustrated. justifying
himself.



1 SAMUEL 15:1-3

"I am the one the Lord sent to anoint you king over his people Israel; so listen now to the message from the Lord. This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'I will punish the Amalekites for what they did to Israel when they waylaid them as they came up from Egypt. Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy all that belongs to them.

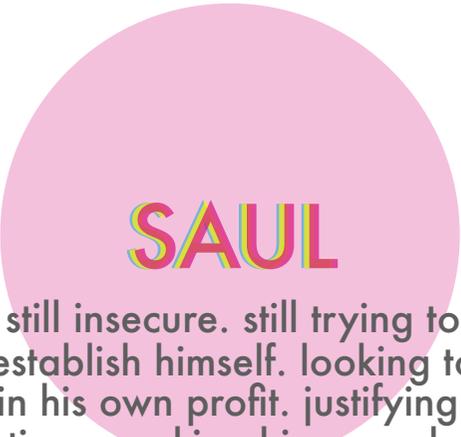
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17 Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The Lord anointed you king over Israel. 18 And he sent you on a mission, saying, ‘Go and completely destroy those wicked people, the Amalekites; wage war against them until you have wiped them out.’ 19 Why did you not obey the Lord? Why did you pounce on the plunder and do evil in the eyes of the Lord?”

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22 But Samuel replied:



SAUL

still insecure. still trying to
establish himself. looking to
gain his own profit. justifying his
actions. seeking his own glory



1 SAMUEL 15:22-23

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in burnt offerings & sacrifices
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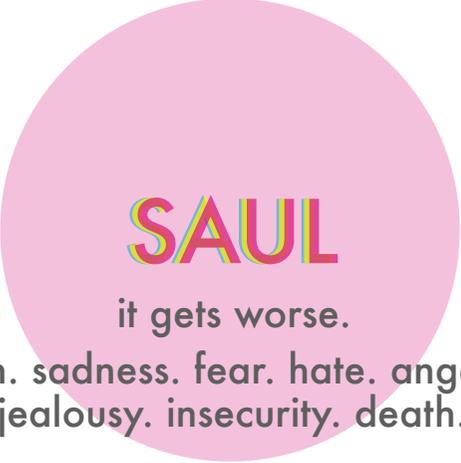
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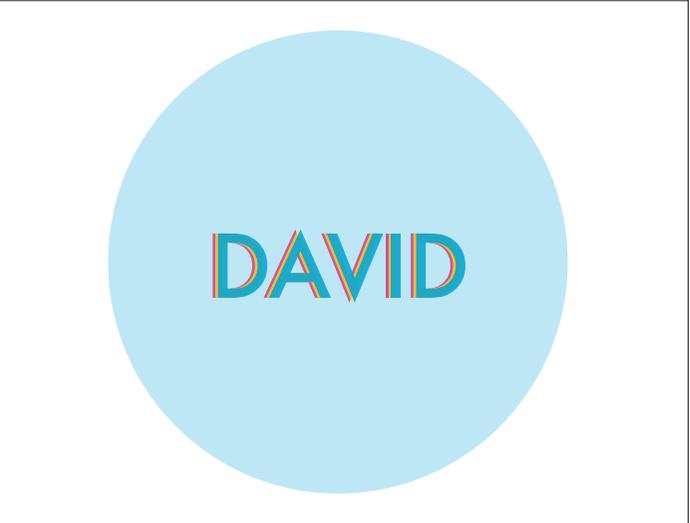
sin. sadness. fear. hate. anger.
jealousy. insecurity. death.

> **8** And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?” **9** And Saul kept an eye on David from that day on.

Saul, ends up becoming so consumed with trying to keep hold of his power, that he turns away from God. Continually rejecting God, means he turns himself over to sin.

he tries to kill his son. anyone who sided with david.
in 1 Samuel 22, he slaughters priest who had gave david food.
he made it his mission to hunt down david.

king david is different.



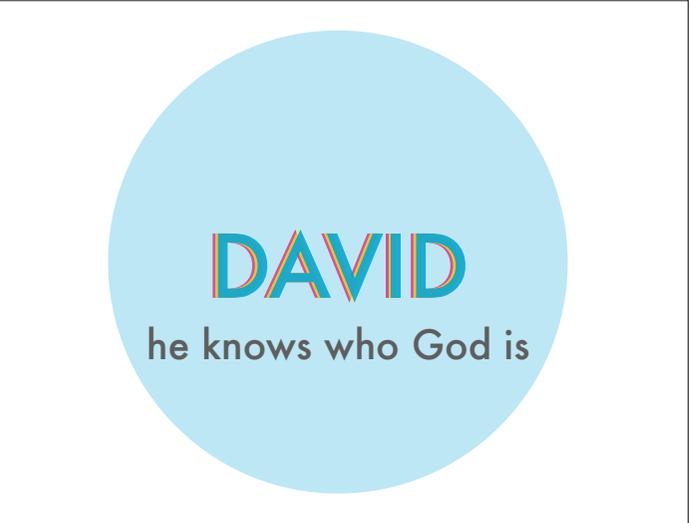


1 SAMUEL 17:46-47

...that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand."

"You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

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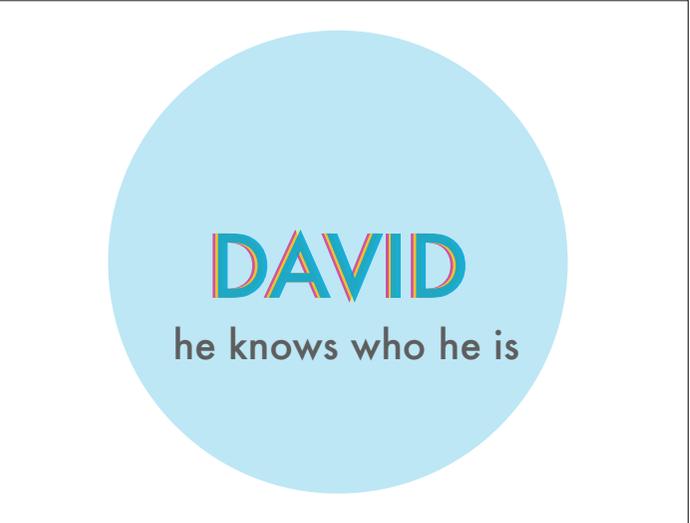


But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my family or my clan in Israel, that I should become the king’s son-in-law?”

17 Saul said to David, “Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and fight the battles of the Lord.” For Saul said to himself, “I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!”

18 But David said to Saul, “Who am I, and what is my family or my clan in Israel, that I should become the king’s son-in-law?” 19 So when the time came for Merab, Saul’s daughter, to be given to David, she was given in marriage to Adriel of Meholah.

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The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

3 He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. 4 The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'" Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.



1 SAMUEL 24:6

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14 “Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? 15 May the Lord be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand.”



DAVID

he just wants to obey God.
he trusts God.
he submits to God.

king david is different.

“Why is my lord pursuing his servant? What have I done, and what wrong am I guilty of? Now let my lord the king listen to his servant’s words. If the Lord has incited you against me, then may he accept an offering. If, however, people have done it, may they be cursed before the Lord!”

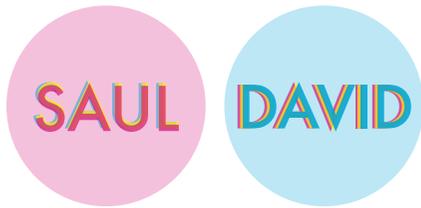
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around what the Lord wants.

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Saul doesn't have a
connection with God.
There's no living
relationship there.

he is chosen

he is called

he is loved

he will be equipped

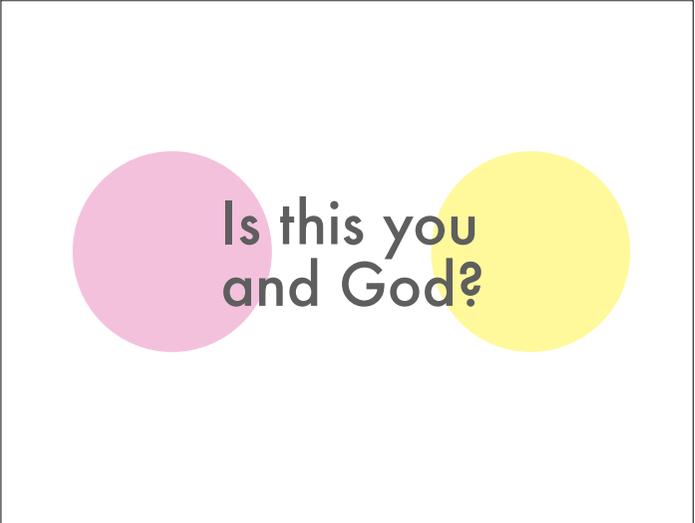


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David has this
relationship with God.
One that lets him have
freedom in his life.
He trusts God.
He knows God.
He submits to God.

he is chosen
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he is loved
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Like,





Come to God.
Know Him.
Trust Him.
Obey Him.