Title: “King of Hearts”
Text: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, 18

Target: Value and worth is not quantified nor qualified by an external perspective, but instead the eternal perspective, which is one’s HEART. Today, we are once more reminded to never judge a book by its cover, but instead trust in the God that writes His story upon the pages of your heart, making your life a life worth knowing!

I. The Crisis of Leadership: 1 Samuel 16:1
   A. Rejection: 1 Samuel 8:20 “be like all the nations”
   B. Rebellion: 1 Samuel 15:17 “little in your own eyes”
      • Unlawful Sacrifice: 1 Samuel 13:9
      • Partial Obedience: 1 Samuel 15:23
   C. Regret: 1 Samuel 15:35 “The Lord regretted He made Saul King”

TAKE AWAY: Living for popular opinion will make you not popular with yourself.

II. The Cost of Leadership: 1 Samuel 16:1b-5
   A. Is there a “Clear Command”? “Fill your horn with oil, and go!” (Vs.1b)
   B. Have you “Counted the Cost”? “If Saul hears it, he will kill me!” (Vs. 2)
   C. Will you “Choose to Commit”? “Samuel did what the LORD commanded!” (Vs. 4)

TAKE AWAY: Leadership is never void of failure; it is just being willing to own the void in the failure, and move forward.

III. The Criteria of Leadership: 1 Samuel 16:6-11
   A. Not about Status: Birth-order (Vs. 6)
   B. Not about Stature: Appearance or Height (1 Samuel 10:23)
   C. Not about Standing: Rank (1 Samuel 17:13)
   D. It’s about Shepherding: “but behold, he is keeping the sheep” (Vs.11)

TAKE AWAY: “Leadership is more than being in charge, but caring about those in your charge” - S. Sinek

IV. The Courage of Leadership:
   1 Samuel 16:13,18
   A. Power of the Holy Spirit: The Spirit of the Lord rushed (Vs. 13)
   B. Prophetic in the Holy Spirit: Behold, I have seen...(Vs. 18)

TAKE AWAY: Never compare yourself, be yourself because someone believes in you.

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(1 Samuel 13:14: man after His own heart...)