

**Committed to God's Calling: David**  
**1 Samuel 16:1-3**

When it comes to being obedient to God's calling, are you one to get ahead of His leading or wait to be sure? Oftentimes God moves and directs in ways we don't understand, however we must learn to trust His guidance along the pathway of life. In 1 Samuel 16 we see an occasion when Samuel was called to anoint the next king of Israel, but would it be his choosing or God's? How can we know the difference?

"Brothers and sisters, consider your calling: Not many were wise from a human perspective, not many powerful, not many of noble birth. Instead, God has chosen what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen what is weak in the world to shame the strong." - 1 Corinthians 1:26-27

*3 Particulars of God's Choosing*

- **God Chooses the Unexpected: (16:6-7)**
  
- **God Chooses the Unlikely: (16:8-10)**
  
- **God Chooses the Uninvited: (16:11-13)**

**Application**

- ✓ Instead of examining exterior appearances, what are some qualities that reveal the nature of someone's inner character?
  
- ✓ As you pray, thank and praise Him for choosing you to be His adopted child.

**Meditate on the following verses:** Psalm 8:2; Daniel 2:21; Matthew 11:25; Romans 11:33

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways." This is the LORD's declaration. "For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." -Isaiah 55:8-9