

PERSONAL LEADERSHIP



36: Lessons from King David

Episode Notes

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We seek to help you to take charge of your personal growth, development and emotional wellbeing. This is the right place for you, Welcome to the land of the living.

Today with Mzwandile Magagula, He has a special treat for you...

"The beautiful thing about growth is fact that it does not happen in a day but it takes place daily"
-John Maxwell

This is the honest truth because the sometimes as leaders the effort that you make in your space of growth, you might not see it immediately but it is compounding over time. This does not just go down the drain, but it helps you in better decision making, leading better and being more self-aware.

Today, let us glean certain lessons from amazing and incredible leaders of Faith.

One of the best libraries in the entire universe to get examples of great leaders is in the word of God. It is filled with amazing and breath taking stories of phenomenal leaders who led spontaneously.

For example, there is a man who led over 2 million people out of slavery into the promise land. It really takes a leader who has an intelligent mind because within the 2 million there are all sorts of different age groups, children, youth, adults and the elderly. Not to forget there were cattle and goats which they had to carry along and the most stressing part was not knowing the final destination.

Do you remember him? Moses was his name.

However that is pure leadership right there, Being able to cast a clear vision of a better future that you have not seen yourself and maintaining the faith that it is possible. Today this is where we will be cutting our slice of bread from; the Word of God.

Our slice is from one of the greatest legends of all times, who was chosen by God to lead : "**King David**" I am sure we all know his overwhelming kingship.



Let's look at 5 key thoughts which I firmly believe will help us lead better as we learn from King David.

1. How he was chosen by God
2. How he nearly missed his opportunity
3. How his brothers were not for him and resented him
4. How he was faithful to the responsibility he had
5. How he served while waiting for his seat at the throne.

Let's Dig in!!!

1. How he was chosen by God

The funny thing is that he was chosen, but he didn't even know he was chosen. This was when God came to Samuel the prophet and said to him; "how long will you mourn for Saul, seeing that I have rejected him from reigning over Israel, fill your horn and go. I am sending you to Jesse the bethlehemite for I have provided myself a king among his sons"

Note this, **I have provided myself a king amongst his sons.**

It is with significance to know that when you are chosen by God ,you are chosen by him. He has chosen you before the foundation of the world.

So God said "I have chosen him, not only chosen him and I know what I am going to do through him". Samuel went straight there to anoint a son, he finds a very young boy who is serving his Father, by taking care of the sheep and flock. The boy did not know himself that he is chosen.

However there were like seven sons, and he let them pass by and begins to look at their appearance. He has the stature and king fit for it. To our surprise that is not the yard stick that God uses choose. This is how we see David almost lost his opportunity because Saul almost anointed the brother. God spoke to Samuel do not look at Physical appearance.

2. How he nearly missed his opportunity

God does not look at the outer appearance but He looks at the heart.
What do we learn? *3 lessons.*

- ❖ **Lesson 1-** God does not see things the way we see them. This is what we often see outer appearance because of our physical eye.

It is very important as a leader not to always use sight that is of the lens of your physical eye. You need the help of the holy spirit so that you get the insight of what is beyond. In leadership it is vital because there are certain relationships that might look good externally, but with this eye you might conclude deals which mess up your life. Not everything that glitters is gold.



❖ **Lesson 2-** “Excellence” Men do look at outer appearance. This speaks to us as leaders that how we appear plays a significant role which compels us to work on the Outer appearance. God looks at the inside , but people do not connect to you firstly by heart but through how you appear.

❖ **Lesson 3-** Looking at the Heart. The Lord looks at the heart. To you as a David out there serving and things seem not to be working out, I need you to know that God looks at the heart. Your time will come , do not give up yet you’re getting closer. Remain humble and serve. The opportunity will find and you will be prepared. Do not miss it

3. How his brothers were not for him and resented him

It is with sadness how King David’s brother never really embraced him for being anointed. You might wonder how?

Let’s analyse when he was at the battle field when Goliath was defying the armies of the Lord. When his brothers saw him, They asked him “Whom have you left those few sheep with?”, rhetorically it was to tell he was not suppose to be there and with “Few sheep” it was for lowering his standards and self-esteem.

This means they are better than him because they are trained. Noting that he was anointed, they were suppose to cheer him up and be happy the anointed one has joined the club, because the anointing was meant for them to win and fight.

❖ **Lesson 1** -Some people are trained for a position and some are anointed for a specific position and what shoots out the difference, which is the anointing. Besides training one needs anointing to lead the battle field.

- ❖ This teaches us, as brothers(Community of both genders) let us celebrate and be filled with jubilation when we have tried and failed ,but one of us is anointed to take us through. Let our heart pump tons of beats for the glamour joy.
- ❖ Remember the story of Joseph, what if his brothers helped him to achieve his dream, it would been a phenomenal to all including nations.

4. How he was faithful to the responsibility he had

One thing that fascinates me was his faithfulness, How his Gift made room for him to serve. This is what the book of proverbs teaches us. Yes, your gift will make room for you but it is your character that keeps the door open for you.



The word teaches us- Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play because he was skillful, then he Saul would feel better. Let's denote lessons

❖ *Lesson 1*; He was skillful in playing. He was anointed but above all he was skillful. As a leader anointing alone doesn't get you to unleash your maximum potential, You need to insure growth in your skill. Your skill is the container that contains the oil. If the container is not attractive, it is difficult for people to access the content.

❖ *Lesson 2*; He was prudent in speech. You have to learn how to talk, this is conversational intelligence.

"Check out our podcast on communication". As a leader you have to know your language and jargon.

5. He was faithful to his responsibility

When his father sent him to go take food for his brother, check this out:

❖ *Lesson 1*; He got up early in the morning. He valued his assignment and managed to get up early because it was urgent.

❖ *Lesson 2*; He left the sheep with a keeper. He did not say because I have another assignment, I will not do this one. We need to ensure that everything still runs smoothly and attended too, not shifting the responsibility nor neglect it.

❖ *Lesson 3*; His leadership started working on a smaller scale. We should never despise the days of small beginnings. Never despise the Lion you are killing in secret. Today it might seem small and tomorrow it might take down Goliath in public.

Your special treat for today is... Remember

You are chosen!

You are anointed!

Your gift will make room for you!

Remain Responsible!

Never despise your small victory!



Thank you for eyes and attention

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