

David: The Early Years
A Nobody, Nobody Noticed
1 Samuel 16:1

1 Samuel 15:24-25 (NKJV) Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

1 Samuel 15:26-30 (NKJV) But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel." And as Samuel turned around to go away, Saul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore. So Samuel said to him, "The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, who is better than you. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor relent. For He is not a man, that He should relent." Then he said, "I have sinned; yet honor me now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God."

1 Samuel 15:35 (NKJV) And Samuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

- I. Man Panics, God Provides - Isaiah 65:24; 1 Samuel 16:1-4
- II. Man Chooses, God Corrects - 1 Samuel 16:4-9
- III. Man Forgets, God Remembers - 1 Samuel 16:11-19
- IV. God Speaks, We Respond
 - A. God's solutions are often strange and simple, so be open.
 - B. God's promotions are usually sudden and surprising, so be ready.
 - C. God's selections are always sovereign and sure, so be sensitive.