

God's Calling Requirements Part 19

The Calling of David

"1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." 2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate." 4 Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" 5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives." 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one." 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah. 14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him." (1 Samuel 16:1-14)

God's calling for David to be a king was in a critical period in the life of the people of God. Saul the previous anointed King rebelled and went away from obeying God and performing His will. Therefore the Lord decided to replace him with David; however, there were things that might hinder that plan of God. The same things might be hindering or delaying you from responding to the call of God in your life. As well as there will be factors that will help to achieve the will of God and God's calling in your life. From the set up of the calling of David we will learn good points that we can apply in our lives, families and ministry.

1. Emotions: Samuel was having emotions and feelings toward Saul and was continually praying and crying to God to restore Saul back to his calling, ***"1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."*** But since Saul utterly rebellious against God, and God decided to move to use other person, then Samuel overcome and control his emotions and feelings and got along the new plan of God. *You need to control your feelings and emotions and let your mind rule and has control over your heart and feelings and the rest of your body so you can obey God and go forward along with His plan.*

2. Persecution: Samuel was afraid of Saul who would persecute him if he will know that he is going to anoint David as a new King. Persecution and fear of threats and attacks of the enemy might play rule and a factor to not let you go forward and obey God. Samuel expressed to God the reality of the situation and his fear from Saul, ***"2 But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"*** *In the same way accept persecution in the ministry, and express to God your fear, and He will be the one to instruct you and help you to overcome as Samuel overcame.*

3. Trust God and apply precisely the instructions he gives you to protect you: God spoke to Samuel, ***"Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'"*** God gave him wisdom of what he needs to do and God put word in his mouth of what he needs to say, ***"I have come to sacrifice to the LORD."*** *God will teach you what you need to do and the words that you need to speak or say.* ***"4 Samuel did what the LORD said."*** *Do the same, and do not alter the instruction; neither do you more nor less.*

4. God for each step will instruct you of what you need to do: God told Samuel, ***"3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."*** God told to Samuel, ***"I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king,"*** God did not yet tell Samuel whom he had chosen, but he told him, ***and I will show you what to do.*** *Every time God is asking you to do something and you are doing it, then you are finding yourself informed by God about the next step.*

5. Control your mouth and do not declare what God did not ask you to declare: ***"4 Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?" 5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice."*** Samuel never said to anyone during his whole visit and communication in Bethlehem that he came to anoint a new King. That did not come out from his mouth. Devil would not know what God had told you unless you say it or write it down. Samuel kept calm and devil did not know what is the purpose of Samuel visit to Bethlehem. Many now days when God is calling them, they will go on with a big announcement and programs and stir up with their boasting all the demonic power to oppose them and fight against them. ***"16 As it is, you boast in your arrogant schemes. All such boasting is evil." (James 4:16)*** God's work will not go on with boasting and much showing off. God works with humble people and the anointing of The Holy Spirit goes along those who quietly do the work of God. *Control your mouth of what you speak and tell to the people. Do not speak more, neither add nor deduct of what God wants you to say to the people.*

6. Consecration and dedication is needed in respond to God's call: ***"5 Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice."*** Holiness in our lives and in the lives of people under our care is needed to achieve the call of God. Sin needed to be purged from our midst so God's anointing and healing power will flow in our lives. *Sin needed to be purged out from God's church so God's anointing and healing power will flow in our lives.*

7. Do not set your mind tuned with the mind of people around you: “6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.” Samuel thought that Eliab was God’s choice because Eliab was tall, “7 But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” The reason that Samuel was considering the height of Eliab because king Saul was the tallest man in Israel, “21 Then he brought forward the tribe of Benjamin, clan by clan, and Matri’s clan was taken. Finally Saul son of Kish was taken. But when they looked for him, he was not to be found. 22 So they inquired further of the LORD, “Has the man come here yet?” And the LORD said, “Yes, he has hidden himself among the supplies.” 23 They ran and brought him out, and as he stood among the people he was a head taller than any of the others. 24 Samuel said to all the people, “Do you see the man the LORD has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people.” Then the people shouted, “Long live the king!” (1Samuel 10:21-24) Saul was God’s choice in respond to people wants and request. They wanted a king to fight for them the Philistines who had giants among them, therefore God gave them a tall man as a king to suit their mind set up purpose. So now when God would replace Saul with another person, Samuel thought that God will replace Saul with another person who is tall and that is why he guessed it was Eliab. When you respond to God’s call just put in your mind what Jesus said, “15 He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.” (Luke 16:15) Yes and true: What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight. Do not conform to the pattern of this world and to the pattern of the people around you, otherwise you will be hindered from achieving God’s purpose.

8. The good example of Jesse in responding to God’s call: “8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” 9 Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” 10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” Jesse was so cooperative with Samuel in achieving the purpose of God. Samuel was the pastor and Jesse was the head of his family. He did not object or disturb Samuel and asking him why God did not choose his first born. He did not dictate anything on Samuel and even he did not speak a word or expressed his opinion to Samuel the pastor. He just answered Samuel’s questions and did what he was asked to do. 11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one. 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.” Jesse called David at once and even he was tending the sheep. Someone else other than Jesse, who is disobedient to God may say, ‘Please, he is busy with my work, come again another time.’ Jesse was even on full control over His family; his wife did not come and interfere and give her opinion and wishes, his sons did not reject or show resentment that their youngest brother was chosen, and even David came at once and without delay when his father called him. The family of Jesse was a family in order.

9. Do not set your heart and mind on food: 11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” When Samuel was waiting for David to come, he did not say, ‘let us eat we are hungry,’ Notice what Samuel said: “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” Ministry and service first, food, rest or refreshment is after we finish the assignments. Many when God call them they prioritize food over other things and keep their assignments aside. Therefore, don’t be like them.

10. Respond to God’s call and cooperate with God and His church and His servant: God ordained the anointing of David in a very critical period in the life of His church and His people, “14 Now the Spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD tormented him,” so the setup to anoint David was an urgent things to be done, 12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one. 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.” Therefore be sensitive as Samuel was sensitive to hear and respond to the voice of God, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.” Once David was anointed, The Holy Spirit came on him powerfully, 13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.” Samuel went home only after he finished the task in a perfect way. Never go home while leaving the work of God undone.

My dear and beloved: Samuel was sensitive in his respond to God, Jesse was sensitive and obedient to the instruction of Samuel because he knew that Samuel what he was saying is from God, and David responded to the call of his father because he knew that his father is obedient to God. The family of Jesse was all in order. All these were important factors that determined the fruitful outcome in the anointing of David and setting him as a king in that very particular and critical period in the life of the church and the people of God. Put in your mind that you are a key person in God’s church and your obedience will make the difference. Therefore meditate on the message, and ponder on all the points discussed and apply them with the help of The Holy Spirit in your life as you agree to continue to follow God and serve Him.

1. Do not let emotions and feelings hindering you from moving toward the direction that God is taking you to go.
2. Expect persecution and trust God that he will protect you.
3. Trust God and apply precisely the instructions He gives you to protect you.
4. God for each step will instruct you of what you need to do.
5. Control your mouth and do not declare what God did not ask you to declare.
6. Consecration and dedication is needed in respond to God’s call. Live in holiness to be ready to be used when God is calling you.
7. Do not set your mind tuned with the mind of people around you.
8. Take the good example of Jesse in responding to God’s call. He obeyed Samuel and did not interfere and disturb him in what he was doing for God .
9. Do not set your heart and mind on food.
10. Respond appropriately to God’s call and cooperate with God and His church and His servant.

My Prayer: *Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your clear word to me. Lord forgives me in delaying to respond to your call and delaying in response to your still small voice. Lord I commit myself to the principles of this message to apply them in my life. Lord speaks to me and makes me aware which time I need to do that. Lord sustains me and upholds me with your grace, so victoriously I will be moving forward in responding to your call and in achieving your purpose. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen. Lord bless us enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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