



## “CHASING DAVID - When You Feel Unqualified”

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Thank you for joining us as we journey through the life of King David. Our message this weekend comes directly from Rene Schlaepfer, author of the book *Chasing David: Finding Hope & Courage on the Trail of Israel's Greatest King*. The key concept is to remember your “chosenness” in Christ, especially when you feel inadequate and unqualified. People see the face; God sees the **heart**.”

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think David is such an intriguing Bible character, even though he is very flawed?
2. When you were young, did you ever feel left out, made fun of, or unskilled? If comfortable, share briefly.
3. **Read 1 Samuel 16:1-7.** Why do you think Samuel initially thought Eliab was **the Lord's anointed**?
4. **When you hear that God “looks at the heart” instead of the appearance, does this comfort you—or alarm you?**
5. **Read 1 Samuel 16:8-13.** David was not even invited to the gathering when Samuel **came to anoint one of Jesse's sons.** **What does that suggest about his position in the family?**
6. **Read Psalm 139:13-16.** **In what ways does David describe his “chosenness” in these verses?**
7. **Read 1 Corinthians 1:26-29.** **How do the Apostle Paul's words emphasize the same truths we've seen in this lesson?**
8. Throughout his life, David keeps returning to this moment again and again—the moment he was chosen by God and made aware of his destiny. Would you say you live with a sense of God choosing you, loving you, and giving you a destiny? Why or why not?
9. What do you honestly believe God thinks of you at this very moment? How does that compare to the verses you read above? How can you advocate for the weak, overlooked, needy, or disqualified?

## THE CHRISTIAN'S NEW IDENTITY

I believe that in Christ Jesus I have a new identity.

I have been chosen by God, I am adopted by God, I am anointed with the Spirit and empowered by God.

I am called by God for a destiny and a purpose, so God will work all things in my life together for good. God has raised me and made me an heir with Christ of the kingdom of heaven.

Because of who I am in Christ, I am more than a conqueror; in fact, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! God is my Father, and if he is for me, who can be against me?

I believe these things because God, My Father in heaven, says they are true. Amen!

### CHALLENGE

This week's message encourages us to advocate for the needy. I want to invite you and your group to sign up today to participate in SERVE DAY! Go to <http://www.cpcdanville.org/serveday/>!

### COMMIT TO MEMORY

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."** 1 Samuel 16:7

### PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you meet again.

### FOR THOSE FOLLOWING ALONG IN THE BOOK

If you or your group has chosen to follow along using the book, hopefully you have read Chapter 1, FINDING CONFIDENCE WHEN REJECTED. You may have felt transported on to the streets of Israel along with Rene, experiencing the sights, sounds and tastes of the region. This week read Chapter 2, FINDING COURAGE TO FACE GIANTS and then join us next week as Pastor Tyler shares a message titled WHEN YOU FEEL AFRAID.

### CHASING DAVID DEVOTIONALS

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