



Invisible: The Battle Against Being Overlooked

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Now the Lord said to Samuel, “You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king” . . . When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, “Surely this is the Lord’s anointed!”⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, “Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

⁸ Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “This is not the one the Lord has chosen.”⁹ Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, “Neither is this the one the Lord has chosen.”¹⁰ In the same way all seven of Jesse’s sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.”¹¹ Then Samuel asked, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse replied. “But he’s out in the fields watching the sheep and goats” (1 Samuel 16:1, 6 – 11 NLT).

1. Trust that God’s Selection Plan is _____

“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.”⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts (Isaiah 55:8 – 9 NLT).

2. Be Faithful in Your Season of _____

²³ Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. ²⁴ Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ (Colossians 3:23 – 24 CEV).

3. Trust that God is _____ in Your _____

Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up *with* wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary (Isaiah 40:31 NASB).

Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him (Lamentations 3:22 – 25 NIV).

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