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“David | Won't He Do It?”

Introduction

David is a figure of legendary status both in the Bible and within the national history of the nation of Israel.

He was a prolific song writer, amazing poet, incomparable warrior, and revered king.

His biographical sketch as revealed in 1 and 2 Samuel alongside references in several other biblical books proves that God loves using the **unlikely** to accomplish the **unbelievable**.

When we first meet David, he's not a king—he's a shepherd boy, overlooked by his own family. No one saw potential in him, but God did.

- While others saw a kid with a slingshot, God saw a warrior with unshakable faith.
- While others saw a simple shepherd, God saw a future king.

David's life shows us that God **selects**, **supplies**, and **secures** those who pursue Him passionately.

God selected David when no one else did, proving that **God's approval** matters more than **man's applause**.

So, if you've ever felt **overlooked**, **outmatched**, or **uncertain**—this message is meant to help you **take heart** because one thing is certain, David was all of that and more too...

To start, the Bible reveals his as being consistently:

SURROUNDED BY SKEPTICS

Define SKEPTICISM: *Skepticism is the attitude of doubt, disbelief, or questioning something as true or valid. It can come from a lack of evidence, past experiences, or personal biases. Skepticism can be healthy—helping people think logically—but it can also be limiting when it causes people to reject truth or resist what God is doing.*

1- Skeptics Doubt Your Potential

This means skeptics will leave you out of the line-up that leads to promotion.

⇒ **David's own father couldn't see his potential.**

1 Samuel 16:10-11 (CSB) After Jesse presented seven of his sons to him, Samuel told Jesse, "The Lord hasn't chosen any of these." ¹¹ Samuel asked him, "**Are these all the sons you have?**" "There is still the youngest," he answered, "but right now he's tending the sheep." Samuel told Jesse, "Send for him. We won't sit down to eat until he gets here."

It always helps to be surrounded by encouragers.

People who can see more in you than you can see in yourself.

ILLUSTRATION: *Future President* ¹

A 16-year old girl named Eliza married a 20-year old tailor, he had never been to school.

Others might have written his education off as a lost cause, but Eliza didn't.

She taught him to read, write, and spell.

¹ Trefousse, Hans L. *Andrew Johnson: A Biography*. W.W. Norton & Company, 1989.

Those days were difficult, but he proved to be a fast learner.

In fact, he learned so well that years later he was elected president of the United States, and then a seat in the U.S. Senate.

Who was he? Our 17th president, Andrew Johnson.

But not all of us have an Eliza in our life. If you don't have an encourager, you may have to learn to encourage yourself, as David testified of:

1 Samuel 30:6 KJV And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but **David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.**

Or..... just marry the right woman!

ILLUSTRATION: I'DA

Deion "Prime Time" Sanders, former two-sport star, is the only athlete to have hit a Major League home run and scored an NFL touchdown in the same week.

Sanders grew up on mean streets where exposure to some would-be athletes spurred him to make a success of himself.

He explains: "I call them Idas. 'If I'da done this, or if I'da done that. If I'da been given this or I'da even given that, I'da been a superstar.'

They were as fast as Deion in childhood, but instead of working for their dreams they chose drugs and a life of street corners.

Now their name just well be, Ida.

David discovered there was something in him, that God was determined to get out of him!

ILLUSTRATION: *God Sees the Apples*

Rev. Robert H. Schuller tells the story behind a seed he received one day from Ansley Mueller, a farmer in Pleasant Plains, Ohio.

"For years," said Rev. Schuller, "I've been teaching the principle:

'Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count the apples in one seed.'"

2- Skeptics Doubt Your Motivation

1 Samuel 17:28 (CSB) David's oldest brother Eliab listened as he spoke to the men, and [Eliab] became angry with him. "[David] Why did you come down here?" he asked. "Who did you leave those few sheep with in the wilderness? I know your arrogance and your evil heart."

Skeptics will challenge your character, because they question your motivation.

- They **wouldn't** or **couldn't**, so they are convinced you **SHOULDN'T**.
- **Sometimes their only issue is that they see in you what they wish they saw in themselves.**
- I would go as far as to say sometimes the issue is that they **see in you** what they **used to see in themselves!**
- Sometimes they are **just not motivated anymore**, or **struggle to have ever been** and they are **intimidated by anyone who appears to be!**

⇒ MOTIVATION

Let me tell you about a man a pastor helped motivate!

ILLUSTRATION: *RUN BIG BOY, RUN.*

"I'm so depressed and I can't get any dates," the 300-pound man told his minister. "I've tried everything to lose weight."

"I think I can help," said the minister. "Be dressed and ready to go tomorrow at 8 a.m."

Next morning, **a beautiful woman in an exercise suit** knocked on the man's door. "If you can catch me, you can have me," she said, as she took off. He huffed and puffed after her.

This routine went on every day for the next five months. The man lost 115 pounds and felt confident that he would catch the woman the next day.

That morning he whipped open his front door and found a 300-pound woman in a jogging suit waiting for him. "The minister said to tell you," she began, "that if I can catch you, I can have you."

3- Skeptics Doubt Your Ability

1 Samuel 17:33 (CSB) But Saul replied, "You can't go fight this Philistine. You're just a youth, and he's been a warrior since he was young."

Don't be surprised to hear a skeptic inform you that YOU ARE NOT ABLE.

- But don't believe it, because as Phillip Brooks once said, *"It is almost as presumptuous to think you can do nothing as to think you can do everything."* ²

² Phillips Brooks, *Lectures on Preaching* (1877).

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- And as Josh Billings added, *“Consider the postage stamp: its usefulness consists in the ability to stick to one thing till it gets there.”*³

Notice DAVID's reply:

1 Samuel 17:34, 36 KJV And David answered Saul....³⁶ **“Your servant has killed lions and bears; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.”**

David had a history with God.

- **There is one other thing I will leave you with about skeptics, as learned from the life of David.**

4- Skeptics Doubt Your Worship

2 Samuel 6:14, 16 (CSB) David was dancing with all his might before the Lord wearing a linen ephod...¹⁶ As the ark of the Lord was entering the city of David, [David's wife] Michal looked down from the window and saw King David **leaping and dancing [worshiping] before the Lord, and she despised him in her heart.**

Reminds me of the story of an Italian poet:

Deeply immersed in meditation during a church service, a renowned poet failed to kneel at the appropriate moment.

His enemies hurried to the bishop and demanded that he be punished for his sacrilege.

The poet wrote this note in response to the accusations:

*“If those who accuse me had had their eyes and minds on God, as I had, they too would have failed to notice events around them, and they most certainly would not have noticed what I was doing.”*⁴

³ Josh Billings (Henry Wheeler Shaw), widely attributed.

⁴ Today in the Word, March 10, 1993.

This 4th revelation of SKEPTICS' BEHAVIOR
leads us to A BOTTOM-LINE REALIZATION:

THE GREATEST ABILITY IS AVAILABILITY TO GOD.

And...

Worship is the means whereby we become available to God!

- True biblical worship so satisfies our total personality that we don't have to shop around for man-made substitutes.

William Temple made this clear in his masterful definition of worship:

For worship is the submission of all our nature to God...

It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness; the nourishment of mind with His truth; the purifying of imagination by His beauty; the opening of the heart to His love; the surrender of will to His purpose -- and all of this gathered up in adoration, the most selfless emotion of which our nature is capable and therefore the chief remedy for that self-centeredness which is our original sin and the source of all actual sin.

Paul said it looks something like this:

Romans 12:1–2 (CSB) Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to **present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.** ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

**FORGET THE SKEPTICISM OF THE MICHAL's and ALLOW GOD TO BE
GOD IN YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE MEANS OF WORSHIP.**

HE IS LOOKING FOR YOU:

John 4:23 (NKJV) But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for **the Father is seeking such to worship Him**.

EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT IN THE LINE-UP:

1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV) But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. **For the Lord does not see as man sees**; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

WON'T HE DO IT ----- YES, HE WILL!!!

But here's what we learn from David, it doesn't matter if you are SURROUNDED by SKEPTICS just keep your heart right!

1 Samuel 13:14 (CSB) But now [Saul's] reign will not endure. **The Lord has [selected] a man after his own heart**, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over his people.

David learned that it can lead to becoming:

1. Selected Servant

- **Overlooked by Man, but Ordained by God**
- Seeking the **APPROVAL** of HEAVEN
than the **APPLAUSE** of MAN.
- **Anointed in Private, Appointed for Purpose**
- When God selects, no one can reject!

WON'T HE DO IT ----- YES, HE WILL!!!

You will receive:

2. Supplied Strength

1 Samuel 17:47 (CSB) and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the Lord saves, **for the battle is the Lord's**. He will hand [the enemy] over to us.

- **Goliath** looked **unbeatable**, but David knew that **God** was **undefeated**.
 - **Victory Comes Through Confidence in God, Not Credentials**
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WON'T HE DO IT----- YES, HE WILL!!!

This results in:

3. Secured Success

2 Samuel 7:16 (CSB) [David's] house and kingdom will endure before me forever, and your throne will be established forever.

- **From a Shepherd's Staff to a Sovereign's Scepter** – The same God who called David as a shepherd sustained him as a king.
- *"If this were not enough?"* –Nathan speaking for God
- *Won't He Do It? YES, HE WILL!*

Psalm 91:1–3, 5, 9-11 (NKJV) He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” ³ Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. ⁵ You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, ⁹ Because you have made the Lord...your dwelling place, ¹⁰ No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; ¹¹ For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways.
