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SERIES David is the most written-about character in the Bible. He's most often remembered for all the good in his life, but like us, he had his fair share of failures. What can we learn from all the good, the bad and the ugly woven together in David's story?

Today we begin studying the life of David, the central character in the Old Testament. We have a lot to learn from David's "greatness-in-the-making" story:

1. Pastor David started his sermon by describing each of Jesse's sons passing by Samuel for potential anointing by the Lord. David was the youngest of Jesse's sons and tending sheep during this process. Take a minute to talk about your birth order in your family of origin (oldest, youngest, middle, only). In what ways has your birth order shaped your personality?
2. Although David looked less like a king than his brothers, God had chosen David for greatness. Pastor David mentioned that we are all "equally qualified for greatness." How do you respond to that? How can you prime yourself for greatness in God's eyes? Have you known someone who does not look like they possess "greatness" in the world's eyes, but you can see the greatness in them? What made them great?
3. Pastor David emphasized that God looks at the motives of our hearts and that He wants to help and guide us to have the right motives. How is God working in your life right now to guide and direct you regarding your heart motives? Are there any circumstances where He has changed the motive of your heart recently, and if so, would you be willing to share that circumstance?
4. Pastor David explained that many years went by between David's anointing and when he became king, but God was making him great in the waiting. How have you responded to seasons of obscurity, murkiness, and waiting in your own life? Looking back, can you see how God was making you great, and if so, how did He work? How is God challenging you through this sermon to trust Him with upcoming seasons of waiting?
5. Read Psalm 13. Why do you think God forms and shapes us in the times of obscurity and confusion in our lives?
6. Looking back on your own spiritual journey, have there been times when you have been bored by the daily details and daily routine of life? Did your boredom cause you to get off track with God? What helped you get back on track?
7. How are you giving God glory for the greatness He has worked out in your life thus far? How is God challenging you to point others to Him through your story of greatness-in-the-making?

David was not perfect and neither are we, but God saw his potential and his heart for God. As you reflect on this week's discussion, what are you sensing God is wanting you to pray about regarding your heart? For help in the waiting? For staying obedient to him in the daily details of life? For making an area of your life great? Take time to pray to the Lord this week and trust He will work.