

## From Shepherd to King: David

## Intro:

This is the season of The Christ. It's Christmas. The word Christ literally means the anointed one. Today The Story leads us to the Shepherd who would become the King. Of all the models that God could have chosen for leaders, He chose shepherds. Shepherds illustrate the heart of God. Join with us today as we find our story in the midst of HisStory.

## I. David is chosen as king. 1 Samuel 16-17

## A. God saw David with the potential of a king. Psalm 78:70-72

## Psalm 78:70–72 (NIV84)

<sup>70</sup> He chose David his servant and took him from the sheep pens; <sup>71</sup> from tending the sheep he brought him to be the shepherd of his people Jacob, of Israel his inheritance. <sup>72</sup> And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them.

1. David was fully engaged in caring for his sheep
2. David protected and rescued his sheep from danger.
3. David, most importantly, was a man after God's own heart.

## Psalm 63 (NIV84)

A psalm of David. When he was in the Desert of Judah. <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. <sup>4</sup> I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. <sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. <sup>6</sup> On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. <sup>7</sup> Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. <sup>9</sup> They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. <sup>10</sup> They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals. <sup>11</sup> But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God's name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

## B. Others did not see David with the potential of a king.

1. Jesse, David's father, did not even summon David when Samuel came to anoint a new king. (1 Samuel 16:10-13)

## 1 Samuel 16:10–13 (NIV84)

<sup>10</sup> Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup> So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered, “but he is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.” <sup>12</sup> So he sent and had him brought in. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; he is the one.” <sup>13</sup> 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 upon David in power. Samuel then went to Ramah.

2. David’s older brother scolded David for leaving his sheep to come and watch the battle with the Philistines. ( 1 Samuel 17:28)

1 Samuel 17:28 (NIV84)

<sup>28</sup> When Eliab, David’s oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, “Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.”

3. King Saul viewed David as mere boy and not king material. (1 Samuel 17:33)

1 Samuel 17:33 (NIV84)

<sup>33</sup> Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth.”

4. Goliath called David “a stick” just before David killed him. (1 Samuel 17:42-44)

1 Samuel 17:42–44 (NIV84)

<sup>42</sup> He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. <sup>43</sup> He said to David, “Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?” And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> “Come here,” he said, “and I’ll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!”

C. Jonathan, Saul’s son and successor to the throne, saw David with the potential of a king (1 Samuel 18:4 Jonathan gives David his royal robe).

1 Samuel 18:4 (NIV84)

<sup>4</sup> Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

II. David goes into “boot camp” to be trained as a king.

- A. Saul, who is hostile to David, is God's tool to train David in godly, kingly character.
  - B. David lives as a fugitive, depending on God for guidance and help.
  - C. After 14 years of training, David is ready to represent God and God's character and he is inaugurated as king over Israel.
- III. David as king points to "the One" Who will come as the Messiah (Jesus).
- A. David and Jesus are of the same tribe and city.
  - B. David was anointed with oil; Jesus was anointed with the Spirit. ("anointed one" is the same as "messiah")
  - C. Other parallels to Jesus in The Story so far.
    - 1. Jesus is the Passover Lamb (Exodus)
    - 2. Jesus and Joshua mean the same: Savior
    - 3. Jesus is the ultimate "deliverer" (Judges)
    - 4. Jesus is the Redeemer (Ruth)

#### Luke 2:8–12 (NIV84)

<sup>8</sup> And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. <sup>9</sup> An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup> But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

#### Psalm 100 (NIV84)

A psalm. For giving thanks. <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.