

Connecting to L.I.F.E. - The Person God Chooses

Introduction

Life is an acronym that stands for
connecting with the Lord, Instruction,
Family-Fellowship, and Evangelism.

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Acts 13:22

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2 Samuel asked, "How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me!"

1 Samuel 16:1–13

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The Lord answered, "Take a young cow with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate to you."

4 Samuel did what the Lord directed and went to Bethlehem. When the elders of the town met him, they trembled and asked, "Do you come in peace?"

1 Samuel 16:1–13

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5 "In peace," he replied. "I've come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and said, "Certainly the Lord's anointed one is here before him."

1 Samuel 16:1–13

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7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or his stature because I have rejected him. Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart."

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8 Jesse called Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. "The Lord hasn't chosen this one either," Samuel said. 9 Then Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, "The Lord hasn't chosen this one either." 10 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?"

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“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.” 12 So Jesse sent for him. He had beautiful eyes and a healthy, handsome appearance.

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In God's choice of David as king, we are allowed to see something of the process God uses when He would choose someone to work for Him

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9 For the eyes of the Lord roam throughout the earth to show himself strong for those who are wholeheartedly devoted to him. You have been foolish in this matter. Therefore, you will have wars from now on."

2 Chronicles 16:9

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His Choice Involves Sovereign
Providence

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Planning

His Choice Involves Sovereign Power

What lessons can we learn from
God's sovereign choice?

1. There are no accidents in life!

1. God is well able to bring His plan to pass.

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His Choice Is Surprising In It
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1 Samuel 16:7

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1 Samuel 16:11–13

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12 I give thanks to Christ Jesus our Lord who has strengthened me, because he considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry—13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an arrogant man. But I received mercy because I acted out of ignorance in unbelief, 14 and the grace of our Lord overflowed, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 15 This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:12–16

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3. GOD'S CHOICES ARE SPECIFIC

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1 Samuel 16:11–12

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1 Samuel 16:5

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1 Samuel 16:11

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God Chooses Those Who Are
Redeemed

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully on David from that day forward. Then Samuel set out and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:13

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37 Then David said, "The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

1 Samuel 17:37

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Saul said to David, "Go, and may the Lord be with you."

1 Samuel 17:37

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45 David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel—you have defied him.

1 Samuel 17:45

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