



Sermon Main Idea:

David lived *real life*, full of complications, messiness, and brokenness, with *real faith*, by being diligent to see God at work in the small things. In our own complicated, messy, broken lives, we need to look for the ways God is showing up in the small things, so that we will be prepared to step into the hard and unexpected things.

Introduction:

1. In what ways do you see the world try to separate the physical from the spiritual?
2. What are some ways that you have seen God “show up” in your life in the small things?

SORP:

Scripture | read 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Observation | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. Read 1 Samuel 15:1-11. What happened that caused the Lord to reject Saul as king? Why was Samuel mourning over him?
2. What other emotion toward Saul do we see come out in Samuel’s words in 16:2? How does this align with or conflict with the mourning in verse 1?
3. Why might the elders of the town have trembled when Samuel first arrived?
4. What do the Lord’s words in verse 7 speak about the expectations Samuel had of the next king? How do these expectations compare to what Israel had in Saul as king (1 Samuel 9:2)? Why might these expectations have frustrated God?
5. Read 1 Samuel 17:34-37. What does this speak about the faith of David? How did his faith give him courage to fight Goliath?

Response | how can we respond in our lives to what we learn?

1. What expectations do you have of God that are from your past experiences (good or bad)? How might your expectations cloud your view of what God is calling you to do?
2. What areas of your life do you feel inadequate, as David did?
3. How can remembering God’s faithfulness to you in the small things help you overcome those feelings of inadequacy, so that you might have the courage to step into the hard and unexpected things?
4. What are some practices that you can put into your rhythm of life that will help you remember the ways that God has been faithful in the small things?
5. What hard or unexpected thing might God be calling you to step into?
6. How might God be calling you to respond to His Word today?

Prayer | ask God to help you live out your response