

Saul:

**(Scripture Slide)** *Then Samuel took a flask of olive oil and poured it over Saul's head. He kissed Saul and said, "I am doing this because the Lord has appointed you to be the ruler over Israel, his special possession. – 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 10:1 (NLT)*

3 things are clear about Saul – 1. Saul is called to it. 2. Saul is gifted for it. 3. Others see it.

David:

**(Scripture Slide)** *<sup>7</sup> But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." ...<sup>13</sup> So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David from that day on. Then Samuel returned to Ramah. – 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 16:7 & 13 (NLT)*

3 things are true about David – 1. David is called to it. 2. David is gifted for it. 3. Others see it.

**(Scripture Slide)** *<sup>18</sup> One of the servants said to Saul, "One of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the Lord is with him." – 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 16:18 (NLT)*

**(Main Point) If you are a follower of Christ, you got it.**

You are called to it. 2. You are gifted for it. 3. Others See It

**(Scripture Slide)** *<sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. – Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)*

What Did They Do With Their Gifting?

Saul – Kept it and Hid in the Baggage

**(Scripture Slide)** *And finally Saul son of Kish was chosen from among them. But when they looked for him, he had disappeared! <sup>22</sup> So they asked the Lord, "Where is he?" And the Lord replied, "He is hiding among the baggage." <sup>23</sup> So they found him and brought him out, and he stood head and shoulders above anyone else. 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 10:21b-23 (NLT)*

We Hid in our Baggage (Insecurity, past, busyness, comparison..etc)

Statement—The problem is that when you are neck deep in your baggage, you miss out on where God wants to take you.

David – Shared it, and stepped up for battle

**(Scripture Slide)** *<sup>26</sup> David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?" – 1 Sam. 17:26 (NLT)*

Saul said, I don't have what it takes. David said, take what I have.

You Are Gifted

**(Main Point) Being gifted means you have something to give.**

1. We Use Our Gifts In the Church
2. We Use Our Gifts As the Church