

Pride, the opposite of humility, can sneak into life in many ways and it often serves to mask a feeling of being unqualified. In what area of your life are you struggling with pride?

It seems odd that a humble attitude can help you when you're struggling with feeling unqualified. According to the verses you read today, how is that possible?

Thank God today that He sees things from an eternal perspective. Confess to Him the areas you struggle with pride. Ask Him to help you develop a humble attitude in your daily life.

Friday

Please read 1 Samuel 17:17–18, 20 and Psalm 119:58–60. It sometimes seems easier to obey God in the big issues than the small ones. How does obedience in the small things make a difference?

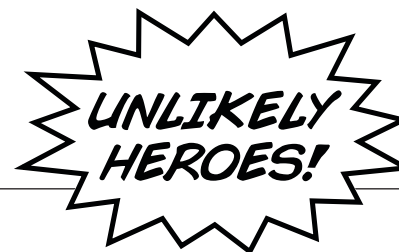
What are the benefits of obeying God in big and small things?

How could obedience in the small things help you when you feel unqualified?

Thank God today for His love for you and His desire to help you. Pray that you will have the desire to obey and that you will rely on God's strength to make the right choices.

Saturday

Please read Psalm 62. Write down three things that encourage you in this passage. Please pray for the services this weekend. Please pray that God will use the car show to reach people who do not normally come to church!



WEEK 4
David

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The LORD said to Samuel... "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel... He asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' Jesse answered, 'but he is tending the sheep...'" *1 Samuel 16:1, 9–11 (NIV)*

Obstacles faced by David:

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[David:] "My father and mother have forsaken me." *Psalm 27:10 (ESV)*
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"There is still the youngest," Jesse replied... *1 Samuel 16:11a (NIV)*
"youngest": Hebrew *haqqaton*, implying _____
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"But he is tending the sheep..." *1 Samuel 16:11b (NIV)*
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[David's brother Eliab:] "I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is..." *1 Samuel 17:28 (NIV)*
[David:] "I have become estranged from my brothers..." *Psalm 69:8 (NASB)*
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No... Moabite or any of his descendants may enter the assembly of the LORD, even down to the tenth generation. *Deuteronomy 23:3 (NIV)*
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[David:] "In sin did my mother conceive me..." *Psalm 51:5 (KJV)*
Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one." *1 Samuel 16:12b (NIV)*
[God:] "I have found David my servant... He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God...' I will also appoint him my firstborn... I will maintain my love to him forever. I will establish his line forever..." *Psalm 89:20, 26–29, 33 (NIV)*
"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." *Psalm 139:13*
But God chose the foolish things of the world... the weak things... He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things — and the things that are not... *1 Corinthians 1:27–28*
The LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height... The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." *1 Samuel 16:7*

WHO does God use?

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“The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart...” *1 Samuel 13:14 (See 1 Samuel 15:22)*

“Grant me a willing spirit.” *Psalms 51:12*

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They repeated these words to David. But David said, “I am only a poor man and little known.”
1 Samuel 18:23

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Now Jesse said to his son David, “Take... these ten loaves of bread for your brothers and hurry to their camp. Take along these ten cheeses...” Early in the morning, David...loaded up and set out, as Jesse had directed. *1 Samuel 17:17–18, 20*

Daily Meditations

Here's a chance to spend some time each day this week meditating on the message

Monday

Take a moment to review the obstacles David faced from page 1 of the notes. In what way can you relate to David's obstacles?

How have the obstacles you've faced led you to feel unqualified?

How were you encouraged by what you heard in the sermon?

Thank God today that the obstacles you've faced in life do not permanently disqualify you. Thank God that He can take the difficult things of your life and turn them into character strengths.

Tuesday

Please read 1 Samuel 16:7, 1 Corinthians 1:27, Psalm 89:26–29, 33 and Psalm 139:13.
List three things that encourage you in these verses.

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According to these verses how does God see you? What does he promise you?

In what way do you struggle with believing that God sees your heart and loves you and values you for who you really are?

Thank God today for the truth about you that for the unique way He has made you. Thank Him for His love for you, who you really are. Ask God to help you trust Him and believe that He sees you through His eyes of love.

Wednesday

Please read 1 Samuel 13:4 and Psalm 51:12. How can a willing heart change you and your outlook on the obstacles in life?

What is the importance of a willing heart when it comes to serving God?

In what area of your life are you finding it hard to have a willing heart towards God's plan?

Talk to God today about the obstacles you're facing. Pray Psalm 51:12, that God would grant you a willing spirit. Ask Him for the faith to trust God's way. Thank Him for His love for you and the plan He is working out in your life.

Thursday

Please read 1 Samuel 18:23, Psalm 25:8–9 and James 4:10. How do you see David's humble attitude in the verses we've studied so far?



Memory Verse

“The LORD said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height... The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.’”

1 Samuel 16:7

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