

Sermon Notes – June 21, 2026

## **Called By Name**

### **Week 10: There's Something Different About You**

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**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 11-18, 21-23 NLT

"Now the Lord said to Samuel, "You have mourned long enough for Saul. I have rejected him as king of Israel, so fill your flask with olive oil and go to Bethlehem. Find a man named Jesse who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my king." ... <sup>6</sup> When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the Lord's anointed!"<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>11</sup> Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the sheep and goats." "Send for him at once," Samuel said. "We will not sit down to eat until he arrives." <sup>12</sup> So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the Lord said, "This is the one; anoint him." <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. <sup>14</sup> Now the Spirit of the Lord had left Saul, and the Lord sent a tormenting spirit<sup>Ⓜ</sup> that filled him with depression and fear. <sup>15</sup> Some of Saul's servants said to him, "A tormenting spirit from God is troubling you. <sup>16</sup> Let us find a good musician to play the harp whenever the tormenting spirit troubles you. He will play soothing music, and you will soon be well again." <sup>17</sup> "All right," Saul said. "Find me someone who plays well and bring him here." <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." ... <sup>21</sup> So David went to Saul and began serving him. Saul loved David very much, and David became his armor bearer. <sup>22</sup> Then Saul sent word to Jesse asking, "Please let David remain in my service, for I am very pleased with him." <sup>23</sup> And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.

#### **1) That's The One**

- V. 12 – "This is the one; anoint Him."

- God is saying, "That's the one," about you! Just as God saw David's potential and purpose, He sees you, knows you, and has a purpose for your life.

- The oil was visible. The Spirit was transformational! (v.13)

- Every person God calls, He equips.

- The anointing is God's empowering work through the Holy Spirit that enables you to fulfill what He has called you to do.

- "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free." – Luke 4:18

- God never calls someone and then leaves them to figure it out alone.

## **2) There's Something Different About You**

- God's presence and empowering work should affect what flows from our lives.
- The anointing oil used in Scripture left a mark and was noticeable. People could smell it, the fragrance lingered, and it would drip and spread. In the same way, when God works in a person's life, there should be evidence. People may not see the moment God touched you, but they should notice the difference He made in your life.
- <sup>15</sup>For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ... - 2 Cor. 2:15 NIV.
- Before David killed Goliath, won the battles, or wore the crown, people noticed something different on his life (v.18). They could sense God's presence on his life.
- There should be something different about you that positively influences the environment around you.
- What aroma are people experiencing from your life?
- You may not realize it, but you are influencing every room you enter. Your home. Your workplace. Your classroom. Your church. People are constantly being affected by what you're carrying.
- You carry more than your personality; you carry His presence!
- People may not see the oil, but they will see the effect.

## **3) Positioned For Change**

- David carried peace before he carried a crown. He served faithfully where he was positioned! (1 Sam. 16:21-23)
- God positions you to influence people and situations for His purposes.
- You may not control the atmosphere around you, but you can influence it.
- The anointing was never primarily about status; it was about serving God's purposes.
- Trust and serve where you are positioned. He has a plan and a purpose, and you are right at the center of it!