



## "A Man After God's Own Heart"



### 3. "The Runt of the Litter" (1 Samuel 16)

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David Chosen: Embracing your shortcomings

The movie "Babe."

HOW MUCH DO I OWE YOU?  
IT'S A RUNT, HARRY.  
A WORTHLESS, LITTLE RUNT.

God notices the little one.

"How long will you grieve over Saul..."

"Fill your horn with oil, and go" God is not finished yet!

David chosen. "Arise, anoint him, for this is he!"

#### How do we know David was "little"?

1. Dad didn't even call him to come in when Samuel came.
2. He was left to "do the dirty work"
3. His older brother Eliab accuses him of
  - a. Irresponsibility
  - b. Insolence
  - c. Wickedness
  - d. Thrill-seeking
4. Saul tells him he's no match for Goliath
5. He couldn't wear Saul's armor
6. He fought with a sling at a distance rather than with "tough guy" weapons like a sword and shield up close "mano a mano".
7. Goliath ridicules him

What are the pros and cons of being "low man on the totem pole"?

How do you see yourself? My basketball career.

King Saul also had his own "littleness issues":

1. From a small tribe and family (1 Sam. 9:21)
2. Hiding in the baggage (1 Sam. 10:22)
3. Had been little in his own eyes (1 Sam. 15:17)



But instead of making him great for God, Saul turned into a devil, a murderous maniac, a depressed and haunted man.

So what can you do?

1. Turn more to God than to people for your hope and comfort.
2. Stop viewing your littleness issues as a bad thing.
3. Realize God has a special place in His heart for the little ones.



So how about you today?

1. **Maybe you feel** \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Maybe you** \_\_\_\_\_ **feel "little".**
3. **You are dealing with an** \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **You have** \_\_\_\_\_.

The bottom line is learning how to let God make you truly great through the very things that you feel are your greatest liabilities.

God's promise: Isaiah 60:22  
"The smallest one will become a clan, and the **least one** a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will hasten it in its time."

THAT'LL DO, PIG.

