

Father's Day 2022: Jesse, An Unsung Hero Among Fathers

Find a man named Jesse... for I have selected one of his sons to be my king...Invite Jesse.. and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me." 1 Samuel 16:1b-3 NLT

1. Jesse was a leader, full of wisdom. When you lead yourself well, you raise leaders by default.

So Samuel did as the LORD instructed. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town came trembling to meet him. "What's wrong?" they asked. "Do you come in peace?" "Yes," Samuel replied. "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Purify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." Then Samuel performed the purification rite for Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice, too. 1 Samuel 16:4-5 NLT

Bonus point: When you are picked last, it's a sign of your anointing!

... the LORD said to Samuel, "Don't look at how handsome Eliab is or how tall he is, because I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7 NCV.

2. Jesse followed spiritual authority and respected the man of God.

When they arrived, Samuel took one look at Eliab and thought, "Surely this is the LORD's anointed!" 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." Then Jesse told his son Abinadab to step forward and walk in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "This is not the one the LORD has chosen." Next Jesse summoned Shimea, but Samuel said, "Neither is this the one the LORD has chosen." In the same way all seven of Jesse's sons were presented to Samuel. But Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Then Samuel asked, "Are these all the sons you have?" 1 Sam. 16:6-11a NLT

3. Jesse was financially astute and a generous person.

"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." So Jesse sent for him. He was dark and handsome, with beautiful eyes. And the LORD said, "This is the one; anoint him." 1 Samuel 16:11b-12 NL

4. Jesse was generous with God's work and therefore God blessed him in return.

Some of Saul's servants said to him, "A tormenting spirit from God is troubling you. Let us find a good musician to play the harp whenever the tormenting spirit troubles you...One of the servants said to Saul, "One of Jesse's sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player...Saul sent messengers to Jesse to say, "Send me your son David, the shepherd." Jesse responded by sending David to Saul, along with a young goat, a donkey loaded with bread, and a wineskin full of wine. 1 Sam. 16:15-20 NLT.

So David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam. Soon his brothers and all his other relatives joined him there... Stay here with me, and don't be afraid. I will protect you with my own life. 1 Samuel 22:1,23 NLT

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38 ESV

5. Jesse supported his children in their pursuits.

One day Jesse said to David, "Take this basket of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers. And give these ten cuts of cheese to their captain. See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing." David's brothers were with Saul and the Israelite army at the valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines. 1 Samuel 17:17-19 NLT

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