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God works in the lives of all of His children:

- God works in surprising ways, not to Him!
- Often, we are not consciously aware of the specifics of His involvement.
- Spiritual surprises:
 - You weren't expecting
 - Areas you didn't realize.
 - You see answers to prayer.
 - You see God's work over the past year(s).
- So, we must have *faith*, trust Him, for what we often can't see! For what we are not aware.



Here in our story, 1 Samuel 16:

- This is what David does...
- We mentioned last week:
- He is faithful, learning, obedient, daily doing what he should...
- Out there in the lonely hills with sheep!
- God *is* working in his life!
- God *is* making these "surprises" happen!!!

I want you to see from this text that God is working in your life:

- If you are a dedicated Christian.
- It is the most exciting thing about being a Christian.
- You get to see God work in your life! (*Phil. 2:13*)
- You get to see Him impact *others* through your life!!
- 2 facts here that proves God works in the life of a dedicated Christian!

Philippians 2:13

...for it is God who is at work in you, both to desire and to work for His good pleasure.

Proof that God is working in your life.

I want you to see some truths...

Over

I. God working (what is God doing?)

A. On Samuel (*vs. 1-4*)

1. Motivational reproof (*v.1*)
2. And a job to do
3. The danger – *Saul*

B. God leaves Saul (*v.1*)

C. God's plan

1. God knew what would happen to Saul and was seeking a replacement.
2. No one knew God was looking.
3. No one knew who God would choose.

D. God's choice

1. Looks beyond the obvious
2. Looks inward
3. Even David's father:

(*vs. 10-11*)

II. Our response

A. Samuel's fear

B. Samuel's obedience

C. David's response (to a surprise).

Look at verses (*vs. 17-19*)

CONCLUSION:

- Now that Samuel had come with anointing oil; it must be that Yahweh has something great in store for David's future.
- What should he do, when should he do it?
- If God wants for David... then so be it!
- But *how* and *when*? And what should David *do* now? As he waits, his Dad tells him...
- We don't see David doing anything more than faithfully doing "life."
*Doing what God wants and **surprise!!***