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 - David anointed as the next king of Israel. 16:1-13
 - Samuel grieved over Saul's failure to be faithful to the calling and opportunities God had given to Saul.
 - God commanded Samuel to go to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem and anoint one of his sons as the next king.
 - This is a good lesson in the appropriate response to the failure of a prominent religious figure.
 - Grief over the lost opportunities and dishonor to the name of God.
 - Remain faithful and diligent in your walk with God.

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 - Saul's skewed view of Who the kingdom belonged to is revealed in Samuel's fear that Saul would kill him if he found out he was going to anoint a new king.

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 - God commanded Samuel to go to Bethlehem with the stated purpose of offering a sacrifice to God there.
 - The trembling reaction of the leaders of the city to the arrival of Samuel shows the high regard they had for him as a representative of God.
 - Samuel assured them he was on a peaceful mission.

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 - Samuel began by assuming that the eldest son, Eliab, would be the chosen one.
 - God reminded Samuel that His choice is not based on criteria man may use but what God sees in the heart.
 - Every son of Jesse who was present passed before Samuel but none of them were chosen by God.

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 - Samuel inquired if there were other sons which revealed that the youngest was out tending the sheep.
 - Samuel directed Jesse to send for that son.
 - When David arrived, God clearly indicated to Samuel that this was the chosen one and Samuel proceeded to pour the anointing oil over him in the presence of his family.

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 - The spirit of God rushed upon David and remained on him. (Samson, Judges 14:6,19; 15:14; Saul, 1 Samuel 10:6,10; 11:6)
 - Samuel returned to his home in Ramah.

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 - The Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul. Before the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost after the ascension of Jesus, the Spirit of God would come upon a person to empower them to fulfill the calling or mission God had for them. Upon God's rejection of Saul as king, his Spirit was removed from him.

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 - A harmful spirit from the LORD tormented Saul.
 - God is sovereign over all His creation.
 - Saul opened himself up to this influence through disobedience.
 - God used this as the occasion to begin David's preparation for his future position as king.

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 - Saul's state of mind determined the influence this spirit had over him.
 - Saul's demeanor toward David at this time probably indicates that he did not know that Samuel had anointed David to be the next king.
