

Your Life Resumé

1 Samuel 16:14-23

Introduction

Many of you have a resume, but not all. Today we will review a familiar story to look at one person's resume and the job it got them. This person's resume was more than just his work experience, though, and it's going to beg the question, "What would my life resume look like?" We will also have to ask, "What would others list as my most important skills, characteristics, and accomplishments?"

Passage

14* ¶ Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him. ¹⁵Saul's servants then said to him, "Behold now, an evil spirit from God is terrorizing you. ¹⁶"Let our lord now command your servants who are before you. Let them seek a man who is a skillful player on the harp; and it shall come about when the evil spirit from God is on you, that he shall play the harp with his hand, and you will be well." ¹⁷So Saul said to his servants, "Provide for me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me." ¹⁸Then one of the young men answered and said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one prudent in speech, and a handsome man; and the LORD is with him." ¹⁹So Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me your son David who is with the flock." ²⁰And Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread and a jug of wine and a young goat, and sent them to Saul by David his son. ²¹Then David came to Saul and attended him, and Saul loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer. ²²And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Let David now stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight." ²³So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.

Discussion

First of all, this is a familiar story. Any surprises or anything need to be explained?

Now let's focus in on verses 17 and 18. Saul had a problem and he told his people to find him a person to solve the problem. The search didn't last long. One of Saul's attendants knew of just the right person, and he listed out the qualifications he knew about David.

Let's list the things that this young man knows about David that he thinks would commend him to the king.

Son of Jesse, from Bethlehem, skillful musician, mighty man of valor, warrior, prudent in speech, handsome, the Lord is with him.

Based on those skills, characteristics, and accomplishments, Saul liked what he heard and brought him in to be one of his daily attendants. Needless to say, that was a pretty great honor.

Remember, David wasn't yet at his peak! This was just the beginning of his period of influence. But he had been preparing by doing a lot of unnecessary things in order to be ready when his time came.

In fact, what was it that opened the door for him to go in front of the king?

Application: What Would People Say About You?

So the questions we should answer are pretty obvious:

What would your life resume be right now?

What would you like it to say?

Any difference?

What do you need to change to get there?

What would others say about you right now?

What would you like them to say?

Any difference?

What do you need to change to get there?

Conclusion: How Is Your Resumé Coming?

"Each person sees his or her role in life differently. Rearing a useful family is primary. Winning fame and fortune is noteworthy. Risking life for the liberty of others is the ultimate contribution.

Whatever our mission, it would be easier to perceive if carved on a rock as a personal memorial to carry with us through eternity." – Lindsey Williams

How are you doing on your resumé?

My Resume:

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I wish it also said:

I wish it also said:

What others would say about me:

What others would say about me:

What I wish they would say:

What I wish they would say: