

Here I Am

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“Now the Spirit of the Lord had left Saul, and the Lord sent a tormenting spirit that filled him with depression and fear. 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. He will play soothing music, and you will soon be well again.’ ‘All right,’ Saul said. ‘Find me someone who plays well and bring him here.’ One of the servants said to Saul, ‘One of Jesse’s sons from Bethlehem is a talented harp player. Not only that—he is a brave warrior, a man of war, and has good judgment. He is also a fine-looking young man, and the Lord is with him.’ So 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. So David went to Saul and began serving him. Saul loved David very much, and David became his armor bearer. Then Saul sent word to Jesse asking, ‘Please let David remain in my service, for I am very pleased with him.’ And whenever the tormenting spirit from God troubled Saul, David would play the harp. Then Saul would feel better, and the tormenting spirit would go away.” **I Samuel 16:14 – 23 NLT**

Point 1: God saw something very different in David than He saw in Saul.

David

Chosen by God for his heart
Obeyed even when it was hard

Confessed and repented from sin
Strategic and trusted God’s plan
Spared Saul’s life—twice
Loyal friend to Jonathan

Waited patiently to become king

Feared God above all
Secure in God’s calling

Saul

Chosen by people for his looks
Obeyed selectively and made excuses

Justified sin and blamed others
Reactionary and insecure
Tried to kill David out of jealousy
Jealous of Jonathan and tried to kill him

Acted rashly and didn’t wait for Samuel

Feared people more than God
Insecure in his role and calling

Point 2: It’s easy to misjudge this passage if we don’t read it through the lens of the New Covenant. We have the Holy Spirit indwelling us, they didn’t.

“But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.” **John 14:26 NLT**

- Please remember this passage is descriptive not prescriptive. Descriptive passages are simply telling us something that happened it doesn’t mean, do this. A prescriptive passage is when Jesus says love one another. He’s telling us to do something.

Point 3: The supernatural is real! Forces of darkness are real, but we don’t need to fear.

“You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.” **I John 4:4 CSB**

- Old Covenant vs New Covenant.

Challenge:

- Are you looking at outward circumstances instead of seeking God’s guidance?
- Are you jumping to conclusions in situations without taking time to get as much information as you can?
- When you read the Bible are you taking the time to seek to understand what is going on? Are you asking for help?

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