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Session 1: Adoration, Attraction, and Atmosphere

Key Scriptures:

Psalm 9:1-2 | Psalm 21:13

Opening:

The anointing of God is more than a feeling we experience in worship services. Anointing is that intangible yet obvious expression of God's Spirit at work in our lives—His favor. It changes what it touches and creates space for the supernatural.

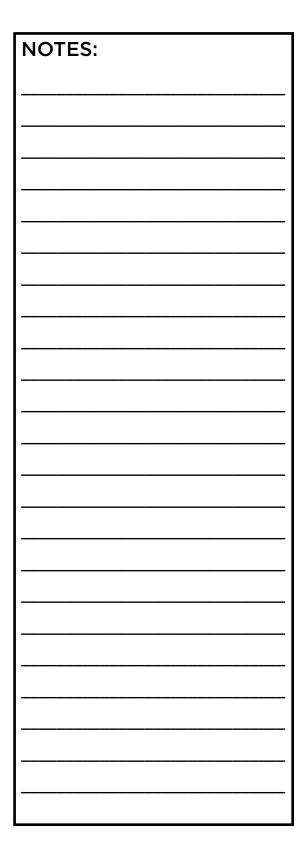
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Discussion Questions:

- 1. If we want the anointing, we must prioritize adoring God. How do we effectively express adoration? Where can we show this expression of appreciation?
- 2. Talent will not break the spirit of this world. It is the anointing that breaks the yoke. How we do to attract His anointing to break chains in our lives?
- The anointing changes the atmosphere. When we lift our voices in praise, we invite the presence of God to dwell in our midst. How have you experienced the impacting presence of God—the anointing—in your life?

Closing Remarks:

We are all engaged in various battles and God wants to extend to us His presence—His anointing—that transforms us and every situation we face. Let's take a moment to adore Him and invite His Spirit into our lives.



THE ANOINTING Session 2: Sacrifice

Key Scriptures:

I Samuel 16

Opening:

Anointing comes from a place of sacrifice. The things we sacrifice today will become investments for tomorrow. Sacrifice is essential for our walk with God.

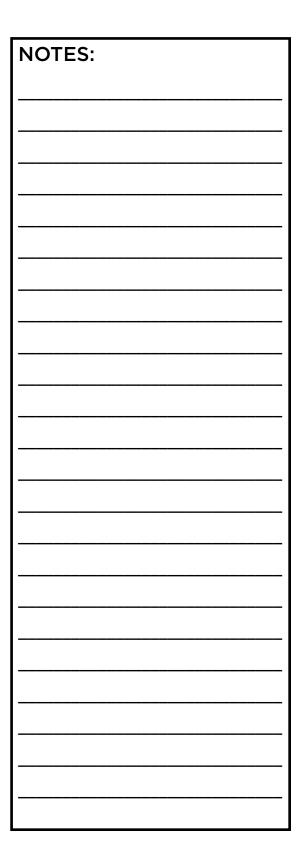
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Discussion Questions:

- Sacrifice is a key part of a healthy relationship with God. What can we sacrifice to fuel our hunger for more of God and His favor?
- If our sacrifice does not move us, it will not move God. The ultimate sacrifice is ourselves. Where do we begin in offering our lives as a sacrifice unto God?
- 3. What have you experienced in your life as a result of sacrifice? What has God provided for you as a result of your sacrifice?

Closing Remarks:

Favor comes as a by-product of commitment because the Lord honors our sacrifice with His blessing. Anointing is the space between human efforts and God's power. When we do our best, God gives His best. Let's take a moment to pray for hearts of sacrifice to lead us into the favor of God.



THE ANOINTING Session 3: Service

Key Scriptures:

I Samuel 16

Opening:

David learned quickly that anointing comes from worship and sacrifice. But as his life began to change, he had to learn that service was a significant part of anointing. As David transitioned from being a shepherd to playing his harp for the king and serving his brothers, he had to learn the value of serving others rather than being served.

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Discussion Questions:

- Service requires our focus to shift from ourselves to others. How do we benefit from pushing aside our plans to focus our attention on serving others?
- 2. Anointing follows service. What are you doing to position yourself for the anointing of God to rest upon your life?
- 3. Service is not just an action but an attitude. How is your attitude toward serving others? If you are struggling with resentment rather than humility, how can you recalibrate your attitude?

Closing Remarks:

The heart of a servant is the heart of God on earth. Serving is not a one-time event but an attitude. When we are faithful in small things, God will give us rule over much. Let's take a moment and pray that God will help us serve with humility.

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THE ANOINTING Session 4: Dominion

Key Scriptures:

I Samuel 17

Opening:

We have been talking about the anointing of God by studying the life of David. We have learned that worship, sacrifice, and service are vital to the anointing bringing us to continual victory—dominion.

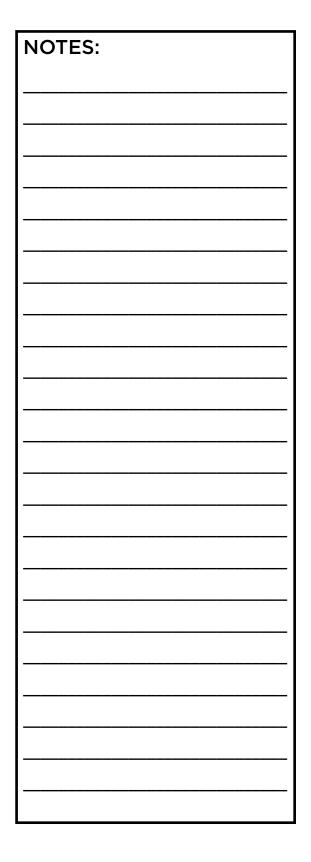
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Discussion Questions:

- God's Spirit at work in us—the anointing—will fight the giant. The anointing does not focus on the size of the problem; it focuses on the size of the promise. How do we keep our focus on the promise without being fearful of the problem?
- 2. The favor of God is a fear buster. David declared to Saul: I will fight this giant. He refused to let fear dictate his destiny. Let's discuss the favor of God when we place our hope in Him. How does our faith affect our anointing?
- 3. The true test of any Christian is our character. David passed the test by pleasing God first and respecting leaders secondarily. How are you doing with these tests?
- 4. In all that we do, we must please God. What can we do to please God and obtain dominion through Him over every giant?

Closing Remarks:

The favor of God may lead you to a place of dominion, or continual victory, but character is what keeps you there. If you start taking credit for all of the blessings in your life, God will lift his hand. We must decide to guard our victory with humility.



THE ANOINTING Session 5: Mercy

Key Scriptures:

I Samuel 24

Opening:

Even after being anointed king, David had to run for his life. When David had the opportunity to kill King Saul, he instead showed mercy. The higher the position, the greater the mercy God requires us to show. God wants to know if He can trust us with mercy and patience.

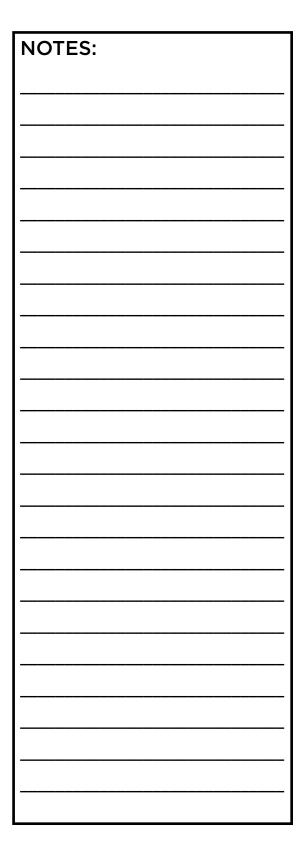
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Discussion Questions:

- It could be said that God smiled because David did not return harm for harm. How do you respond when others hurt you?
- 2. Anytime God uses you with power and favor, you must learn to be merciful to others. Let's discuss some ways we can extend mercy as mercy has been extended to us.
- 3. It's been said that patience is a virtue. The minutes seem like days and the days seem like months when you are fighting for your life, emotionally and spiritually. The question for each of us is how do we pass this test?

Closing Remarks:

If we stay the course and run with patience, there is a crown at the end of the race. We must obtain mercy and patience for the race set before us. Remember, life is not a sprint; it is a marathon. As we pray, ask God to show you a way you can extend mercy this week in a difficult situation.



THE ANOINTING Session 6: Pursuit

Key Scriptures:

I Samuel 30; II Samuel 12

Opening:

There is something to be said about those who pursue God. They might not be perfect, but they are passionate. They might have struggles, but they strive for success. Let's dive into the last lesson of "The Anointing" and discover the benefit of pursing God.

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Discussion Questions:

- David could have felt trapped physically, emotionally, and spiritually. He was cornered by the circumstances in his life, and yet he kept moving forward in God's path for his life. How can we refrain from developing a mindset of entrapment and instead actively pursue God?
- 2. Faith makes you move toward your reward. David asked God for direction. Let's discuss the importance of seeking God for His will and direction as we pursuit Him.
- 3. In the middle of David's trial, he chose to help someone in need (I Samuel 30:11-17). That decision became the key to his victory. No matter your situation, who could you be helping right now?
- 4. Despite his mistakes, David was able to finish the race by admitting his mistakes, repenting, and continuing in his pursuit of God's plan. What might that look like in our lives?

Closing Remarks:

Anointing requires that we stay hungry spiritually. We must continue our pursuit for God and His favor. When we make mistakes, we repent and remain relentless in pursuing God and His plan for our lives.

