

Reflection Guide
Sermon Title: I'm Anointed For This

Key Takeaways

⇒ The anointing is a necessity, not an accessory.
⇒ The anointing is not just for a position; it is for a place.
⇒ The anointing does three things oil does: it reduces friction, resists fire, and sustains motion.
⇒ The anointing works through you and on you.
⇒ You cannot fulfill your assignment in someone else's armor.

Personal Reflection

1. The anointing is "the appointing, authorizing, and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit." Before hearing this sermon, how would you have defined the anointing? How has your understanding shifted or deepened?

2. Jesus did not attribute his extraordinary work to his own ability, but to God's anointing. How does it change the way you think about your own work and calling to know that even Jesus operated in dependence on the Holy Spirit rather than in his own power alone?

3. Goliath intimidated an entire army for forty days, but David responded differently, not by denying the giant's size, but by refusing to allow the giant's size to become more significant than the God he served. Pastor Dharius said, "The anointing doesn't make Goliath smaller; it makes God bigger." What is the Goliath in front of you right now, and what would it look like to respond the way David did?

4. In what areas of your life have you been tempted to abandon the unique way God has equipped you because it looked too simple, too unconventional, or too different from what everyone else is doing?

5. Pastor Dharius pointed to David's courage as a spiritual trait, the gift of faith as a spiritual gift, and self-control as spiritual fruit. Which of these three areas do you sense the Holy Spirit most actively developing in you right now?

6. The gift of faith is "a supernatural endowment from the Holy Spirit that enables a believer to receive a Spirit-given certainty that God will act in a specific situation, often beyond natural possibility, and to act on that certainty without wavering." Have you ever experienced this kind of faith? What did it look like in practice?

7. David had enough courage to confront Goliath and enough self-control not to fight Eliab or Saul. Courage without self-control can be just as destructive as cowardice. Where in your life do you need both the courage to engage and the self-control to know what not to engage?