

**Priests  
KINGS &  
*Extraordinary*  
THINGS**

Sermons in 1 Samuel

**1 Samuel 16:14-23**

**Meet  
David...**

**Mr.  
Sunshine**



Today's passage is about finding peace in the storm. Saul's storm is self-created.

David has found his peace in the presence of God, but that peace is eluding Saul. By God's providence, Saul turns to David for help!

Know this: God knows exactly where to place you and when to place you there...

Do you know how to walk in the  
"Sonshine" in the meantime?



**14 Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him.**

**15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you."**



**1. When we shut God  
out of our life,  
something else...  
something with bad  
intentions will certainly  
take His place.**



# God has declared His intentions toward you!

- For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:10-11)

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# When we shut God out of our life...

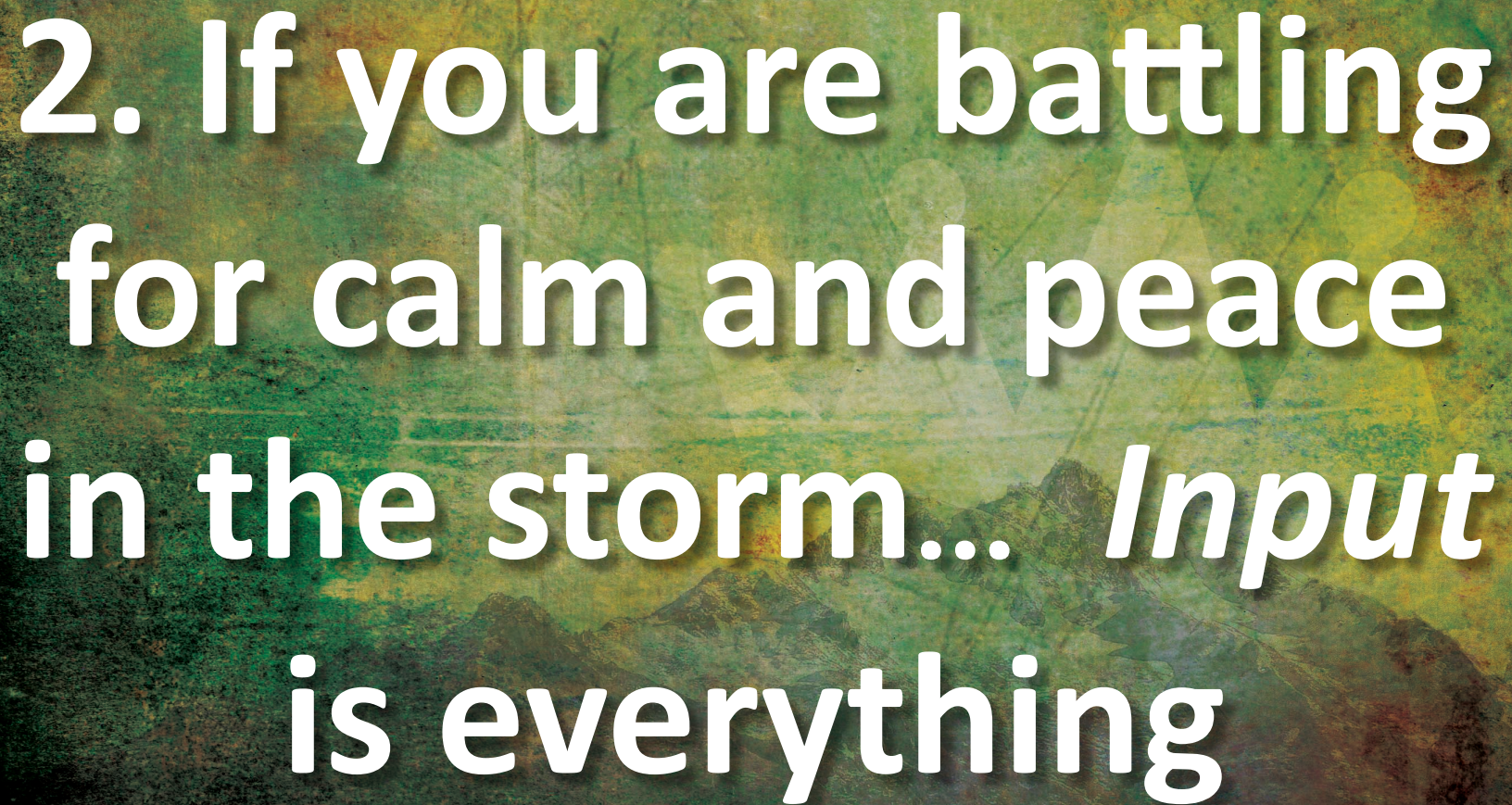
- The first consequence is the maddening loss of **purpose**... because you were made to glorify God
- The second consequence is the loss of spiritual **protection** (Ephesians 6:16-18)
- Finally you face the loss of divine **power**



**16 Let our lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well.”**

**17 So Saul said to his servants,  
“Provide for me a man who can play well and bring him to me.”**





2. If you are battling  
for calm and peace  
in the storm... *Input*  
is everything

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**“Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a dank cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have!**

**Matthew 6:22-23 (The Message)**



**18 One of the young men answered,  
“Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse  
the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in  
playing, a man of valor, a man of war,  
prudent in speech, and a man of good  
presence, and the Lord is with him.”**

**19 Therefore Saul sent messengers to  
Jesse and said, “Send me David your  
son, who is with the sheep.”**





**3. Everybody needs  
a little Sunshine  
in their lives!**

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# David explains the source of his sunshine...

- The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)
- For Saul... the best source he could find was David. Your neighbor may be in the same boat and you may be their David!



**20 And Jesse took a donkey laden with bread and a skin of wine and a young goat and sent them by David his son to Saul.**

**21 And David came to Saul and entered his service. And Saul loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer.**

**22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, “Let David remain in my service, for he has found favor in my sight.”**



**23 And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him.**



**4. God knows exactly  
how to place you  
where He needs you!  
Can you keep your  
sunshine in the  
meantime?**

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