Day 9

> *When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." 1Sam. 16:6-7*

Samuel was a prophet and a mighty man of God, but he was still a man. It is worth noting that God was not upset with Samuel for behaving according to human nature. Samuel was a child of God and needed instruction, which his gentle and loving Father gave him. Note, too, that God did not teach Samuel how to "look at the heart" as He does. What did Samuel learn, then? He learned not to trust his own judgment, judgment that necessarily comes from what we – as human beings – can see and know. Samuel learned that he must turn to God and ask Him for understanding and discernment, and then believe what he is told. What are the issues in your life for which you need God's understanding and discernment? Ask!