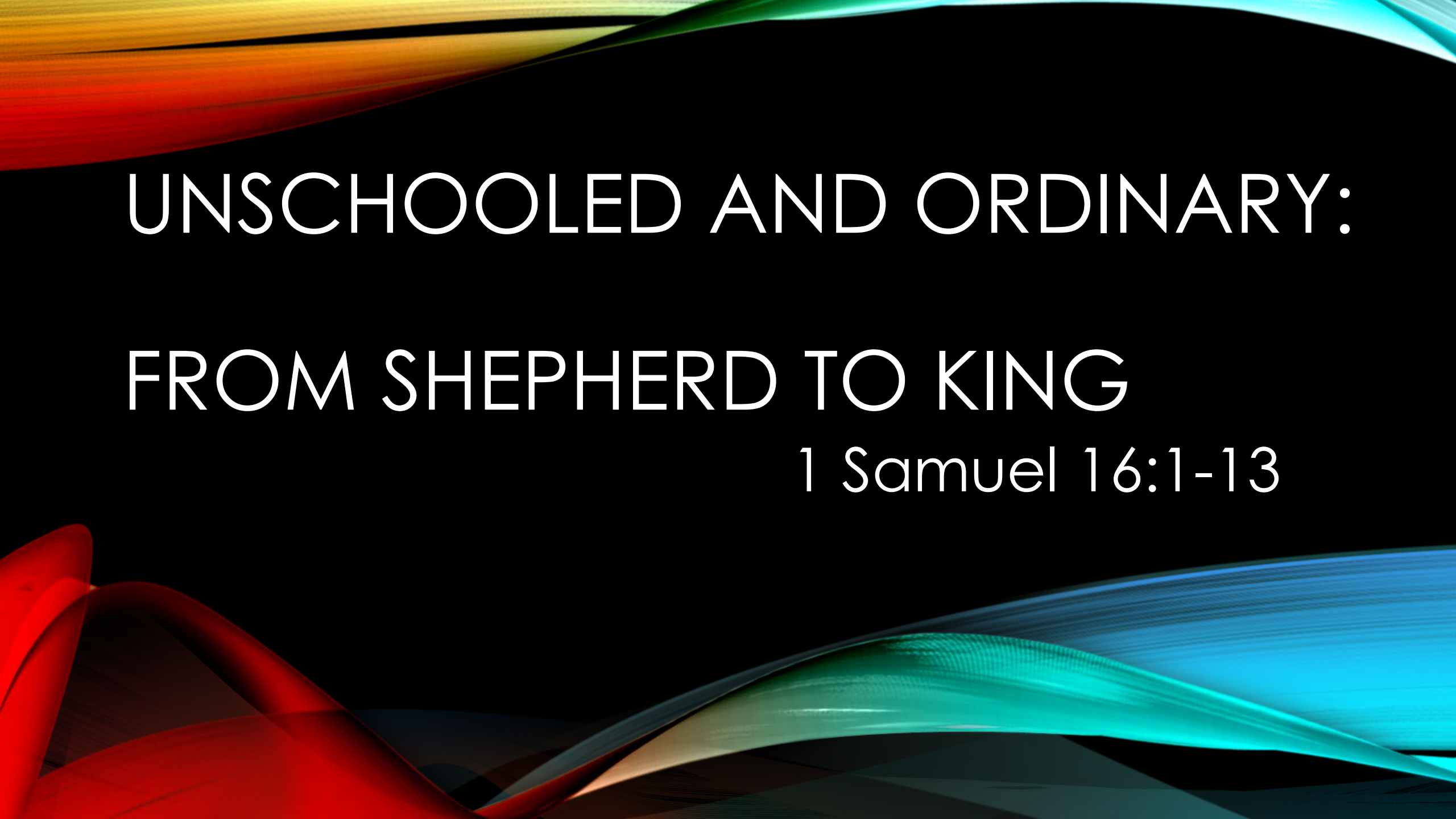




UNSCHOOLED AND ORDINARY:

FROM SHEPHERD TO KING

1 Samuel 16:1-13



VSS. 1-3

Who is Samuel? Priest over God's people

Saul is out.

A son of Jesse – appointed by God Himself - is in.

Why was Saul done?

See 1 Samuel 15:22-26



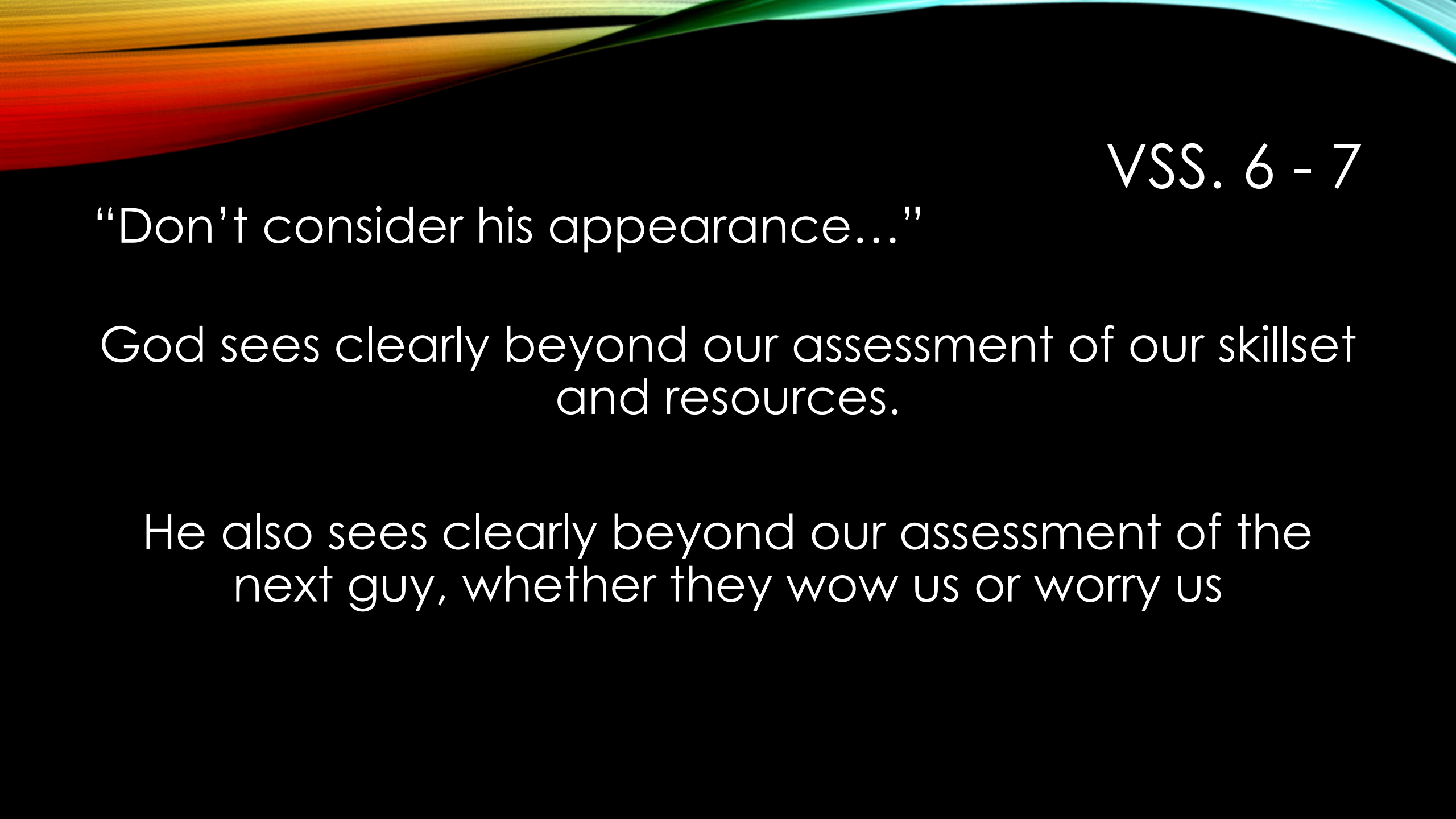
VSS. 4 - 5

Consecration precedes worship.

A preparation inwardly and outwardly
(James 4:8-10)

Some translations prefer “sanctify” over “consecrate”

“This verb captures the element of being pure or devoted to God.” (Heb. Gr. Key Study Bible)



VSS. 6 - 7

“Don’t consider his appearance...”

God sees clearly beyond our assessment of our skillset
and resources.

He also sees clearly beyond our assessment of the
next guy, whether they wow us or worry us

“The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

What qualities capture us?

Skilled oratory. Physical appearance (Sturdy physique, strong jawline, beauty, great hair, tanned and toned, etc.). Wealth and privilege. Warm smile. Attractive personality. Wit.

Of note: These are all subject to decay 1 Peter 3:3-4



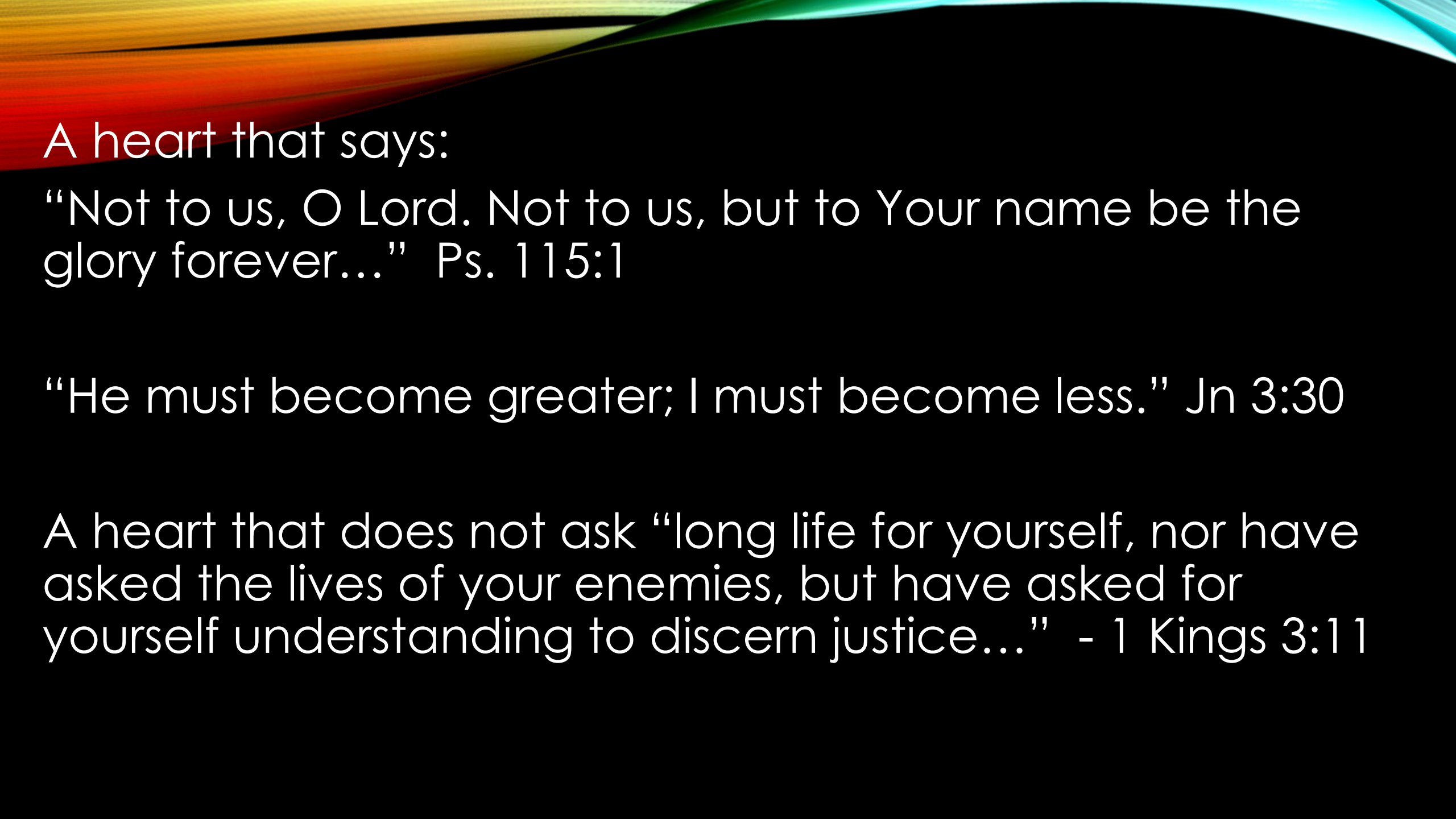
What 'captures' God?

The heart.

The center of emotion, will, intellect & desire

Not the skills. Not the training. Not the education.
Not the net worth. Not the pedigree. Not the titles.
Not the looks nor the charm. Not the fan base.

But the heart.



A heart that says:

“Not to us, O Lord. Not to us, but to Your name be the glory forever...” Ps. 115:1

“He must become greater; I must become less.” Jn 3:30

A heart that does not ask “long life for yourself, nor have asked the lives of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice...” - 1 Kings 3:11



VSS. 8-12

Everyone on parade except the least likely, little brother, David. He was watching the sheep while others were (perhaps) wishful thinking.

Straight out of the field, David was described as having good color and good looks.

But formal leadership training? Uh, no.



But it's not like he had nothing...

Good shepherds in that day needed:

- A working knowledge of sheep and the land

- Physical strength and endurance

- Proficiency with weaponry (Sling, club/rod, etc.)

- A willingness to die for their flock

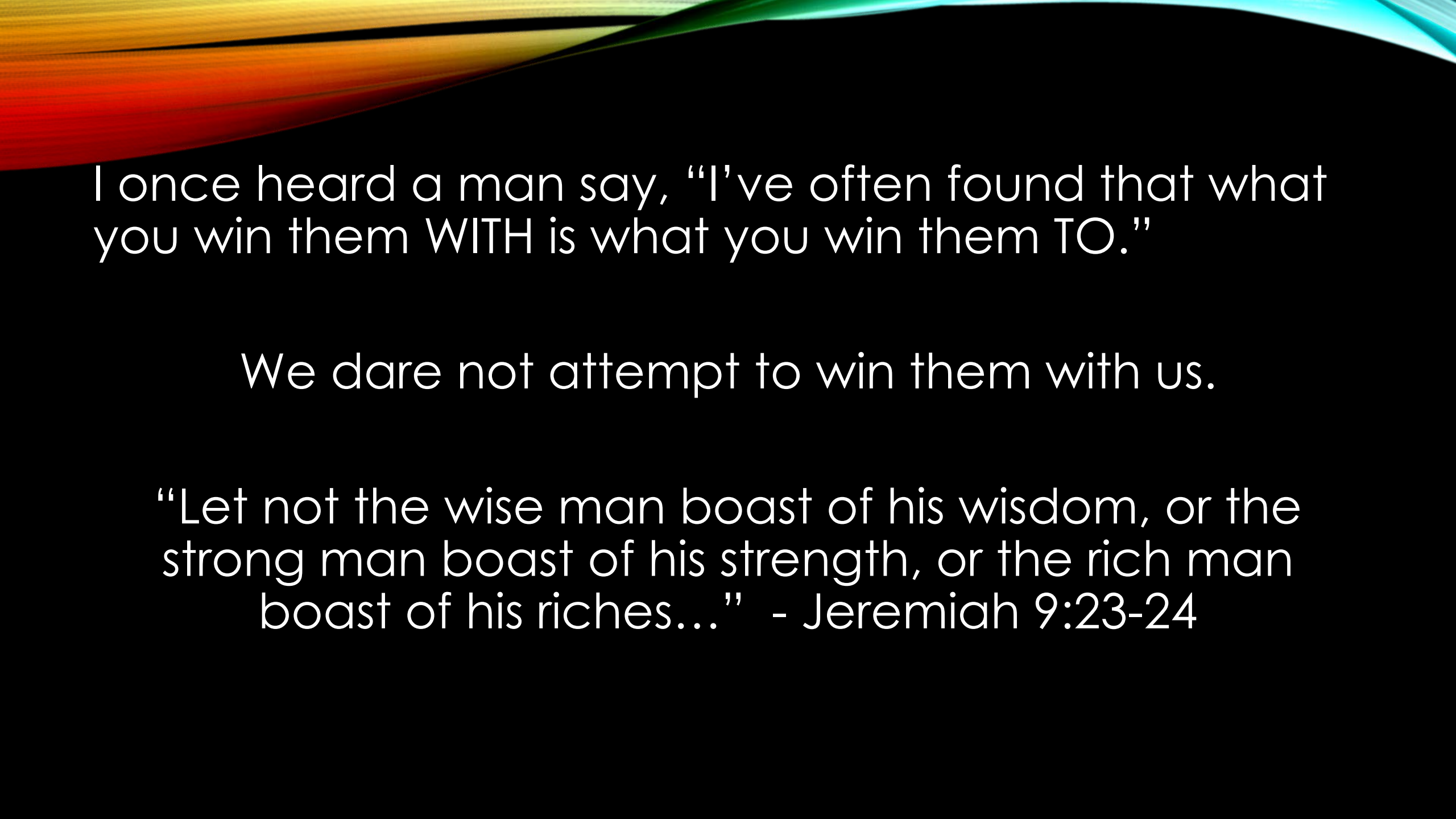
- Musical skills to calm the flock

- Shearing skills



But ultimately, the key to David's success is described in verse 13:

“Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on **the Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power.**”



I once heard a man say, “I’ve often found that what you win them WITH is what you win them TO.”

We dare not attempt to win them with us.

“Let not the wise man boast of his wisdom, or the strong man boast of his strength, or the rich man boast of his riches...” - Jeremiah 9:23-24