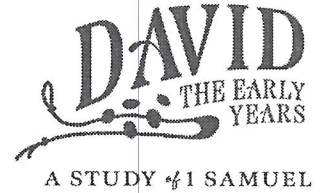


1 SAMUEL 18-19

February 23-24, 2022



1. As 1 Samuel 18 opens, we see the friendship between David and Jonathan unfold. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5 and record the details of David and Jonathan's friendship.

Their friendship begins after David kills Goliath. Read 1 Samuel 17:45-51 and 57-58 along with 1 Samuel 18:1. What characteristics do you see displayed in David that would have made a lasting impression on Jonathan?

2. Jonathan was King Saul's oldest son and heir to the throne of Israel. Review 1 Samuel 14:6. In Whom does Jonathan place his trust?

According 1 Samuel 14:24, 43-45, what is the Israelites' attitude toward Jonathan?

Look again at 1 Samuel 18:1. What do you think it means to have one's soul knit to another?

3. Jonathan made a covenant with David and gave David his princely garments. What did this reveal about Jonathan's character? See Romans 12:10 for insight.
4. Think about one of your godly friends and describe how you have been blessed by their friendship.
5. Read 1 Samuel 18:6-9. Describe what angers Saul.

What does Saul's reaction reveal about him? See Proverbs 14:30 for insight.

6. Jealousy and envy are dangerous enemies if left unchecked. What do the following portions of scripture say about jealousy and envy?

Job 5:2

1 Corinthians 13:4

James 3:14-16

1 Peter 2:1-3

What are some ways we can guard against jealousy in our relationships?

7. Read 1 Samuel 18:10-16. What does Saul's jealousy lead him to do?

How does God bless David as he continues to serve Saul even when it puts him in grave danger?

8. Read 1 Samuel 18:17-19. What does Saul ask from David in return for his oldest daughter's hand in marriage?

How does David respond?

Look back at 1 Samuel 17:25 and record what Saul promised to the man who killed Goliath.

What does Saul's offer in 1 Samuel 18:17 reveal about his character?

What does David's response in 1 Samuel 18:18 reveal about his character?

9. Read 1 Samuel 18:20-30 and describe the plan Saul has devised to kill David.

10. According to 1 Samuel 18:26-27, David exceeded the bride's price Saul had set for his daughter, Michal's hand in marriage. Why do you think David was so successful even when being greatly oppressed by Saul? Look at Jeremiah 17:7-8.

11. Read 1 Samuel 19:1-7. Up to this point, Saul had only involved his servants in his evil plans for David, but according to verse 1, whom does he now wish to include?

In verses 4-5, what reasons does Jonathan give Saul for sparing David's life?

What about David made it easy for Jonathan to plead his case?

12. Read 1 Samuel 19:8-17. Saul quickly breaks his oath to not harm David. Who steps up to protect David this time, and how do they plan to save his life?

13. Finish by reading 1 Samuel 19:18-24. To whom does David go for godly counsel?

When Saul learns of David's whereabouts, how many sets of messengers does Saul send before going himself?

Instead of using force, Who did the Lord use to protect David? Refer to verses 20 and 23.

According to verse 24, what did the Spirit of God lead Saul to do that allowed David to once again escape unharmed?

14. 1 Samuel 18 and 19 make it painfully obvious how jealousy, if left unchecked, can destroy a life. We all have opportunities to grow jealous of others. What truth do you learn from these two chapters that you can use to battle against jealousy?

15. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

Battling Jealousy

1 Samuel 18-19

At the root of jealousy is a lack of faith in God's promise that He alone can satisfy.

Battling Jealousy 101

-What To Do

Jonathan

18:1-5, 19: 1-7

- *Jonathan was impressed by David's _____ after he had killed Goliath.
- *Jonathan's covenant with David revealed that he trusted God's plan for his future.
- *Giving David his robe and military uniform showed Jonathan's submission to God's plan.
- *True to his character, Jonathan did all he could to _____ Saul and David's relationship.

To combat jealousy, trust God's plan for you and serve Him wholeheartedly.

David

18:17-30

- *Because David killed Goliath, he was entitled to marry Merab, but he humbly declined.
- *Saul offered Michal's hand in marriage, but David could not afford the bride's price.
- *Saul saw David's response as an opportunity to attack the Philistines and eliminate David.
- *David survived the battle and _____ even more than Saul asked of him.
- *David continued to fight the Lord's battles and the Lord continued to give David success.

To avoid jealousy, glorify God by responding to difficult situations with humility as you trust Him with your future.

-What Not To Do

Saul

18:6-16, 19:8-24

- *Saul's jealousy of David starts soon after _____ is slain.
- *As God continued to make David successful, Saul's jealousy of David continued to grow.
- *David's wife Michal crafted a plan to help David avoid being killed by Saul's servants.
- *David sought help from his godly and wise friend _____.
- *Instead of an army, God used His Spirit to protect David from being captured by Saul.

To guard against jealousy, prioritize knowing God's Word to discern His will and trust His divine power.

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JEREMIAH 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?

JAMES 3:14, 16 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth . . . For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice.

1 SAMUEL 12:24 “Only fear the LORD and serve him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you.”

1 SAMUEL 17:25 And the men of Israel said, “Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches and will give him his daughter and make his father's house free in Israel.”

JOHN 16:33 “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

PSALM 91:7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

MICAH 6:7 “Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

PSALM 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.