



David's Fame: Rooted in Favour with God (1 Sam 18-19)

Questions: Week Ten

Saul's Jealousy of David - [1 Samuel 18:1-30](#)¹

Topics: [Abandon](#), [Achievements](#), [Affections](#), [Anger](#), [Approval](#), [Bitterness](#), [Celebration](#), [Comparisons](#), [Conflict](#), [Covenant](#), [Danger](#), [Dishonesty](#), [Effectiveness](#), [Enemies](#), [Envy](#), [Family](#), [Fear](#), [Friendship](#), [Generosity](#), [Gifts](#), [Humility](#), [Hypocrisy](#), [Isolation](#), [Jealousy](#), [Marriage](#), [Motives](#), [Popularity](#), [Rejection](#), [Relationships](#), [Reputation](#), [Resentment](#), [Rewards](#), [Success](#)

Open It

1. What were some of the characteristics of your "best friend" relationships as a child?
2. *How would you describe your feelings about someone you know for whom everything seems to go right?

Explore It

3. How does this passage describe the bond between David and Jonathan? ([18:1](#))
4. How did Jonathan cement the covenant between David and himself? ([18:4](#))
5. *How did the officers and people of Israel respond to David's successes and promotions? ([18:5](#))
6. What refrain was heard in the streets when Saul and David returned from the battle in which Goliath was slain? ([18:7](#))
7. *How did Saul feel about David's popularity? ([18:8-9](#))
8. When did Saul make his first attempt on David's life? ([18:10-11](#))
9. Why was Saul afraid of David? ([18:12](#))
10. How did David fare when Saul sent him out to lead the war campaigns? ([18:14](#))
11. What was Saul's reaction to David's successes? ([18:15](#))
12. How did "all Israel" feel about David the general? ([18:16](#))
13. What was Saul really hoping for when he offered his daughter in marriage to David in exchange for feats of bravery in battle? ([18:17](#))

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14. What was David's attitude about the rewards and honors offered him by King Saul? ([18:18](#))
15. How was David persuaded to pursue the "price" of Saul's second daughter? ([18:21-25](#))
16. *What two facts galled Saul most about David? ([18:28](#))
17. What was Saul's attitude toward David from his marriage onward? ([18:29](#))

Get It

18. What traits might have made Jonathan and David feel as if they were "one spirit"?
19. Why might David have been lauded as more of a hero than Saul from the time of his very first exploit?
20. Why did Saul bestow honors on David even though he resented him?
21. *Why might we just wish for something bad to happen to a rival rather than choosing actually to harm him or her ourselves?
22. How did David express humility and deference to King Saul?
23. *Why was Saul afraid of David even though Saul was king?
24. What conclusion do you think Saul drew from the fact that his son and his daughter both loved David?
25. What were some evidences that "the Lord was with David"?

Apply It

26. *What concrete step could you take to counteract bitterness the next time you find yourself wishing harm on someone near you who is prospering?
27. What token of lasting friendship could you offer a friend this week?

Saul Tries to Kill David - [1 Samuel 19:1-24](#)²

Topics: [Advice](#), [Change](#), [Conversation](#), [Danger](#), [Deceit](#), [Emotions](#), [Escape](#), [Evil](#), [Excuses](#), [Friendship](#), [Help](#), [Hiding](#), [Influence](#), [Injustice](#), [Instructions](#), [Loyalty](#), [Mediator](#), [Murder](#), [Persecution](#), [Promises](#), [Prophecy](#), [Reconciliation](#), [Resentment](#), [Running](#), [Trust](#), [Wives](#)

Open It

1. *What is one of your favorite stories of escape (true or fictional)?
2. What is challenging about giving advice to someone older than yourself?

Explore It

3. What order did Saul give to all his attendants, including his son Jonathan? ([19:1](#))
4. Why did Jonathan warn David of Saul's designs on his life and attempt to intervene on his behalf? ([19:1-2](#))
5. *What were some of Jonathan's reasons that Saul should not harm David? ([19:4-5](#))
6. What did Saul promise Jonathan concerning David? ([19:6](#))
7. What did David do after the threat to his life had passed? ([19:7-8](#))
8. *What incident occurred inside Saul's house? ([19:9-10](#))
9. What plan did Saul set in motion when he was unable to kill David with his spear? ([19:11](#))
10. How did Michal, David's wife, aid in his escape? ([19:11-14](#))
11. What justification did Michal offer when Saul confronted her about helping David? ([19:17](#))
12. Where did David go when he fled from the king? ([19:18](#))
13. What did Saul do when he found out where David was staying? ([19:20](#))
14. *What happened to each delegation that Saul sent to capture David? ([19:20-21](#))
15. What happened when Saul himself went after David? ([19:23-24](#))
16. What saying was passed down in Israel concerning this incident? ([19:24](#))

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Get It

17. How did Jonathan prove the depth of his affection for David?
18. *Why did Saul want to murder a man who did him no wrong?
19. How did God protect David when Jonathan and Michal were no longer able to do so?
20. *Why might someone hate a person who has done nothing but good for him or her?
21. How does it feel when two people you are close to are at odds with one another?
22. *What is the likely outcome when we allow irrational anger or hatred to dictate our actions?
23. In what current circumstance might God be calling you to be a peacemaker?
24. In what circumstance might your loyalty to God prove costly in the near future?

Apply It

25. *In what way can you be a peacemaker for someone else?
26. What can you do to prepare for the next time your loyalty to God is tested?