

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

GOD WAS WITH DAVID

I SAMUEL 18:1-30

OCTOBER 8TH, 2023

- I. Jonathan's Love and Loyalty: vs. 1-5
- II. Saul's Jealousy and Fear: vs. 6-25
- III. David's Favor and Success: vs. 26-30
- IV. Application: Four Characteristics of Envy
 - 1) Envy is not limited to size
 - 2) Envy masks itself as a secret sin
 - 3) Envy is a sibling of hatred
 - 4) Envy and joy cannot coexist

Questions:

1. What is being contrasted in 1 Samuel 18 and where in the text do you see this?
2. Why was it significant that Jonathan loved and was loyal to David? Why is it surprising?
3. How did Saul demonstrate his jealous hatred for David in this chapter?
4. What is the contributing factor to the favor and success of David? What does this say about God's presence in our own lives?
5. Discuss the negative progression of Saul's sentiment toward David starting in 1 Samuel 16:21 through chapter 18. What role did envy and jealousy play in this?
6. Assign each person or couple in the group one of the following passages and the challenge of discerning what the passage is saying about envy. Then, after about 5 minutes bring the group back together and go around and share your insight.
 - 1 Peter 2:1-3
 - Proverbs 14:30
 - James 3:14-16
 - Galatians 5:19-21
 - 1 Corinthians 13:4
 - 1 Timothy 6:4
7. King Saul's envy and jealousy dominate 1 Samuel 18 and provide a warning for us. When you think about the four characteristics of envy provided in the sermon, which one stood out to you the most and why? Follow up with how does envy demonstrate itself in your own life?
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8. How do you practically fight against envy? What are some best practices?