



## David: A study on his life.

### Part 6 Every Crutch Removed.

#### Saul's Anger Burns Towards David.

**1 Samuel 18:7-9 Read**

Verse 8 " And Saul was very wroth"

**Wroth:** To Blaze up, Anger, Jealousy.

Why was Saul so incensed?

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He became very Jealous and the Jealousy led to resentment and rage towards David. David was getting the favour and admiration of the people.

**Proverbs 6:34 Read**

Where does Jealousy come from? .....

" For jealousy is the rage of a man"

Jealousy leads to rage, anger. Jealousy is and unrighteous anger.

From that day on Saul looked at David with eyes of suspicion. He became paranoid and imaginations set in. He now viewed David the Giant killer as David the King killer!!

True? ... No of course not. All David wanted to do was to serve God.

When jealousy comes against us, recognise it for what it is and pray that He will release that person.

#### Jealousy Strikes Out

**1 Samuel 18:10-11 Read**

Wow!!, no warning. One minute playing his harp, then whoosh ... a sharp spear flying past his head.

**Reality:** This man is nuts. He is off his head.

Read verses 12-15. What did Saul feel towards David?

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The very people who are out to get us are often the ones who are afraid of us. That's what happened between Saul and David. Saul felt afraid of David.

### **1 John 4:4**

Write out this scripture and claim it for yourself.

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Perhaps what Saul saw was something in David that he couldn't be. He saw something in David ( God ) that was greater than what was in him. ( The world )

At this point in David's life we know that he had been appointed captain of Saul's army and that his popularity was increasing. And even though God was blessing him, he was also starting to strip away some of David's dependencies.

### **1 Samuel 18:9-10 Read**

What did Saul do and what did David do?

**Saul:** .....

**David:** .....

The words " David fled and Escaped" are words that we will hear often. It's how David survived.

This also signifies the end of a position that David held. The position of Captain. This was where we begin to see a change. David would no longer serve in Saul's army.

Was David leaning on his position instead of God. Had he began to lose what he had on the mountains?

### **The First Crutch Removed :**

What do positions of responsibility and power offer people?

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Popularity, Wealth, Confidence, Self Assurance.

Do we need positions for these benefits to be part of our lives.

### **Proverbs 3:5/6 Read**

Maybe David started to lean ( Trust ) on his own popularity, in his position. Maybe this is a crutch in our own lives that needs to be removed.

In a flash of a spear it's taken from David.

In a flash of a spear it could be taken from us.

**Second Crutch:**        David's Wife Michal

Remember Saul had promised the man who slew the giant Goliath, the hand of his daughter in marriage.

In fulfilling his promise we see Saul's deceitfulness.

### **1 Samuel 18:20-21 & 25 Read**

What was Saul's plan?

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But David delivered. 100 Philistine foreskins. Saul's anger increased even more and David had to flee home to His wife.

## 1 Samuel 19:11-12      Read

Michal helps David to escape and from that day they no longer lived in harmony. I wonder why she did not go with him?

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Perhaps God was removing another crutch from David's life. Had he come to rely too much on his wife instead of God?

**Third Crutch:** His Mentor, Samuel.

**1 Samuel 19:18**      So David fled and escaped and came to Samuel to Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

**Ramah:** High Place, A Place of Idolatry.

Good place to find a Prophet, like John the Baptist crying in the wilderness. Right in the centre of an idolatrous city, the village of

**Naioth:** Prepare a Habitation. A Home of God.

Naioth, well known for its architecture. Back to back houses on top of one another making an easy hiding place. Like the walled city of China.

David needed his mentor and seeks him out. He needed the security of something familiar. The man of God, Samuel. The one who had anointed him. Surely he will understand him.

No sooner had David arrived, then Saul got to know where he was and sent various parties after him. In all this, David lost his mentor Samuel. There was nothing he could do to protect David. Once again we see David flee and escape.

**1 Samuel 19:19 to 20:1      Read.**

One by one David was losing all the support in his life. He had lost his Position, his wife, and his Mentor. Surely he could lean on his friend.