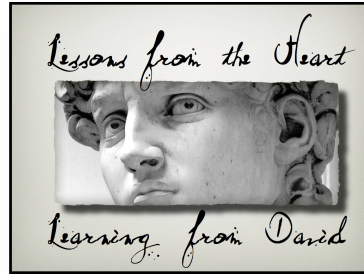


Some apples *do* fall far from the tree.

"In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him." -1Sam.18:14



### **Key Verses:**

1 Samuel 18:1 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit\* with David, and he loved him as himself.

\* **"One in Spirit"** - other Bible versions use:  
"Bound" (NRSV/NET); "Committed" (HSCB); "Knit" (ESV)

1 Samuel 18:6-7 <sup>6</sup> the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing: <sup>7</sup> "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

1 Samuel 18:8 Saul was furious and resented this song. "They credited tens of thousands to David," he complained, "but they only credited me with thousands. What more can he have but the kingdom?"

1 Samuel 18:10 & 11 <sup>10</sup> The next day an evil spirit from God took control of Saul, and he began to rave inside the palace. David was playing [the harp] as usual, but Saul was holding a spear, <sup>11</sup> and he threw it, thinking, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David got away from him twice. (HCSB)

1 Samuel 18:13 - 16 <sup>13</sup> So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. <sup>14</sup> In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. <sup>15</sup> When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. <sup>16</sup> But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

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**David:** A Recipe for **SUCCESS** - David understands he is a servant. He serves as a shepherd, in fighting Goliath, leading his men, and serving Saul, in all roles he obeys Gods. *And God was with him.*

**Saul:** A Recipe for **SELF-DESTRUCTION** - 1. Saul's primary identity comes from his title: *King*. 2. **ENVY**, Saul can't celebrate David's achievements or the good God is doing through him. *And God was against him.*

"Envy is shown in an uneasiness and dissatisfaction with the prosperity of others. Instead of rejoicing in the prosperity of others, the envious man will be troubled with it... The envious person stands ready to rejoice at anything that happens to diminish the honor and comfort of others."  
- Jonathan Edwards, Sermon: "Love Inconsistent with an Envious Spirit"

**Jonathan:** Freedom from **ENVY**. 1. Desire the best for **OTHERS**.

Luke 10:27 'Love your neighbor *as yourself*'; 1Sam. 18:1&3.  
1Cor. 13:4 "Love is patient, love is kind. *It does not envy...*"

2. Jonathan reminds us to be **SATISFIED** with our place in life.  
Phil. 4:11 for I have *learned to be content* whatever the circumstances.

3. Jonathan is a "type" of Jesus. Jesus gave up his **THRONE** to serve us and give us what we don't deserve. -Phil. 2:6&7

4. Jonathan gave his throne to one would give him what he couldn't get for himself. -Matt. 16:25; 6:19-20

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." - Jim Elliot 1949 College Journal pg.108

### **Notes:**

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