

### Trust, Friendship and Jealousy



MEMORY VERSE: "I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for He is right beside me." Psalm 16:8



1 SAMUEL 18:1-16

Friendship and Jealousy

1. Describe David and Jonathan's friendship. vv. 1-4 What does it mean to love someone as you love yourself?
2. Read verses 5-11. What does jealousy mean? Why did Saul (who previously loved David) become jealous of him and what did he do as a result of his jealousy?
3. Read verses 12-16. Why does David keep succeeding in everything he does? vv. 14 How did everyone else feel about David? vv. 5, 16



1 SAMUEL 23:15-18; 26-29

Saul Hunts David

4. How does Jonathan encourage David? vv. 15-18  
Can you think of a time a friend encouraged you when you were having a hard time?
5. Where was David living while Saul was hunting him and trying to kill him? vv. 25  
Why did Saul stop pursuing David? vv. 26-29
6. What are your thoughts about this "coincidence?"



## PSALM 16

## Prayer and Praise in Difficult Times

David wrote this Psalm during this time, and it tells us the secret of contentment even when times are hard.

7. When Saul and his army are hunting down David, where does David go, according to Psalm 16:1? Is God the first person you go to when you face hard things?
8. Re-read verses 2-11. Why is it so important to pray and praise God when we are down?
9. Write your favorite verse from Psalm 16. Why did you choose this verse?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God anointed David to be king, but until that day comes, David sees a lot of hardship. Because God is with David, he has succeeded in everything he does which makes Saul so jealous he tries to kill him multiple times. But while Saul is hunting David, Jonathan, his son, is the loving and encouraging friend he needs in this difficult time. Ultimately, God protects David and God is with you too if you choose Him. Remember that God is who He says He is, even when things are hard.

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God,  
Help me to love others the way you do and keep my heart from becoming jealous. Help me to rely on you when others are jealous of me. I ask you to be with me when I face hardship and remind me to praise you even when I don't feel like it. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



David knew his life was in God's hands. What do you learn from this lesson about trusting God with your life?

## 1 Samuel 18:1-16; 23:15-18, 26-29; Psalm 16 (NLT)

1 After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. 2 From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. 3 And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. 4 Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

5 Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike.

6 When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. 7 This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" 8 This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!" 9 So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

10 The very next day a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave in his house like a madman. David was playing the harp, as he did each day. But Saul had a spear in his hand, 11 and he suddenly hurled it at David, intending to pin him to the wall. But David escaped him twice. 12 Saul was then afraid of David, for the Lord was with David and had turned away from Saul. 13 Finally, Saul sent him away and appointed him commander over 1,000 men, and David faithfully led his troops into battle. 14 David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the Lord was with him. 15 When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle.

1 Samuel 23:15-18, 26-29

15 One day near Horesh, David received the news that Saul was on the way to Ziph to search for him and kill him. 16 Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God. 17 "Don't be afraid," Jonathan reassured him. "My father will never find you! You are going to be the king of Israel, and I will be next to you, as my father, Saul, is well aware." 18 So the two of them renewed their solemn pact before the Lord. Then Jonathan returned home, while David stayed at Horesh.

26 Saul and David were now on opposite sides of a mountain. Just as Saul and his men began to close in on David and his men, 27 an urgent message reached Saul that the Philistines were raiding Israel again. 28 So Saul quit chasing David and returned to fight the Philistines. Ever since that time, the place where David was camped has been called the Rock of Escape. 29 David then went to live in the strongholds of En-gedi.

Psalm 16

1 Keep me safe, O God, for I have come to you for refuge.

2 I said to the Lord, "You are my Master! Every good thing I have comes from you." 3 The godly people in the land are my true heroes! I take pleasure in them!

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## 1 Samuel 18:1-16; 23:15-18, 26-29; Psalm 16 (NLT)

4 Troubles multiply for those who chase after other gods.

I will not take part in their sacrifices of blood or even speak the names of their gods.

5 Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine. 6 The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance!

7 I will bless the Lord who guides me; even at night my heart instructs me.

8 I know the Lord is always with me. I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me. 9 No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety.

10 For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.

11 You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

**Jealousy** - desire to have the achievements and advantages of someone else.

**Contentment** - desiring no more than what one has; satisfied with life.

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