

It Takes Two | Saul and David: Work Relationships

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David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone; without a sword in his hand he struck down the Philistine and killed him.

1 Samuel 17:50

Whenever the spirit from God came on Saul, David would take up his lyre and play. Then relief would come to Saul; he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him.

1 Samuel 16:23

1. Be Courageous ✓ - Apply Your Best ✓

Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.

1 Samuel 18:8-9

2. Be Cautious ✓ - Live Peaceably ✓

An evil spirit came on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the lyre, Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

1 Samuel 19:9-10

3. Retreat and Recover ✓ - Friendships ✓ Help

Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Come back, David, my son. Because you considered my life precious today, I will not try to harm you again. Surely, I have acted like a fool and have been terribly wrong... May you be blessed, David my son; you will do great things and surely triumph." So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

1 Samuel 26:21,25

4. Be Humble ✓ – Take the Long View ✓

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.

1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Think through any difficult work relationship you have. Which principle can help you the most?

- Be Courageous: Apply Your Best
- Be Cautious: Live Peaceably
- Retreat & Recover: Friendships Help
- Be Humble: Take the Long View