

SERMON NOTES



This week's sermon

Love's Special Ingredient

1 Samuel 18

The ingredient that gives love its power is humility. The mortal enemy of love is pride.

Jonathan's humility:

1. He saw David's success as his own success.
2. He was willing to be second to David.
3. He declared his loyalty to David openly.

Saul's pride:

1. He only valued people he saw as useful.
2. He hated when others were exulted above himself.
3. He opposed God by attacking someone that God had blessed.

Notes:

Digging Deeper into the Message

Read each of the following passages and write a list of everything the passage says about JESUS.

Matthew 20:28

2 Corinthians 8:8-9

2 Corinthians 5:21

Philippians 2:4-8

Look back over the lists you've made. How can you apply what you've learned about Jesus to your life this week?

Community Group

ICEBREAKER: What do you value the most in a friendship?

QUESTIONS:

- ❖ Review the first point on the MAP, as well as the 3 examples of Jonathan's humility. Is there anyone who loves you like this? How do you feel when you are with this person/people? Can you think of anyone that you love this way?
- ❖ Look at the examples of Saul's pride. Which of these do you struggle with the most? In which areas of your life is it really hard to let someone else be first or better?
- ❖ Jesus exemplified humility for us. Can you think of several examples from the Bible of times he...
 - was willing to be second to someone else?
 - declared his loyalty to another openly?
 - treated every person as valuable, not just important or useful people?
 - any other examples of Jesus's humility?
- ❖ How can looking at Jesus help you to be humble?
- ❖ What does it mean to "die to yourself"? How can you die to yourself this week?

APPLICATION: How can you be more like Jonathan and less like Saul?