

1-2 SAMUEL: THE RISE OF A POET

The Lord's Favor **1 Samuel 18**

1. Why do you think David and Jonathan hit it off so well? Aside from a spouse, have you ever had a friend that you bonded with this closely? What did you have in common?
2. How does this passage help you understand God? How does it exalt Jesus?
3. Where do you experience your deepest feelings of jealousy? Why do you feel jealous? Is it the person or their success? Is it based on fear, threat, or something else?
4. Do you think David suspected Saul's motives in offering his daughters in marriage? Why?
5. As David, what blessing or good thing have you been given? How are you able to be open-handed with it?
6. As Saul, what desires do you have that may go beyond what God might have for you? Why do you cling to them?
7. As Jonathan, what choice do you need to make to choose God's way over jealousy or fear? What does humility look like in that situation?
8. David was unphased by the changing circumstances in his life. Have you seen this to be true in your life? Where do you have an opportunity now to improve that?
9. Do you agree with the Big Idea that if you do the right thing, God will honor that? Why?
10. Out of everything we talked about from God's Word today, what did the Holy Spirit use to speak to you most clearly? Now that He's shown you that, what are you going to do about it?