

“Back to Life, Back to Reality”

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1 Samuel 18:1-9

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Introduction:

- A. We might say that the toughest _____ come just after the _____.
- B. How gracious of God to give both David and us only one _____ at a _____.
- C. I wonder how many people think that a few days after David killed the giant, he took the _____.
- D. After killing Goliath, David gained instant _____ and popularity.
- E. Very few people could take all that in stride, but David did, because he had the right kind of _____ - humble and faithful.
- F. At this point, as David’s life unfolds, four different _____ become very significant.

I. David’s Relationship of _____ with Saul

- A. David lived in loyal submission to his king, and what was the result? He _____.

II. David’s Relationship of _____ with Jonathan

- A. God knew that David was going to need an intimate _____ to walk with him through the dark _____ that lay ahead of him.
- B. Characteristics of a good friend:
 - 1. Willing to _____.
 - 2. A loyal _____ before others.
 - 3. A constant source of _____.

III. David’s Relationship of _____ and Exaltation with the People of Israel

- A. This kind of adulation would be _____ for most people.

IV. David’s Relationship of _____ with Saul

- A. I know it’s not fair, but that’s often how it goes for those who _____ God—they do what’s right and other people don’t _____ it.
- B. Native American saying, “The _____ one looks upon the _____ and watches him destroy himself.”

Conclusion: Lessons for Our Lives

- A. Live _____ one _____ at a time (Mt. 6:34)
- B. We need good _____. (Eccl. 4:9-12)
- C. Being _____ and _____ is the best reaction to an enemy.
- D. Beware of the danger of _____.

Answer Key: Intro.: A. trials, victory. B. day, time. C. throne. D. prominence. E. heart. F. relationships. I. Submission. I.A. prospered. II. Affection. II.A. friend, valley. II.B.1. sacrifice. II.B.2. defender. II.B.3. encouragement. III. Elevation. III.A. disastrous. IV. Opposition. IV.A. obey, like. IV.B. hated, hater. Concl.A. life, day. B. friends. C. positive, wise. D. envy.