

**“David vs. The Giant Of Jealousy ”  
I Samuel 18**

**TURNING POINT:** *Slaying Goliath makes David wildly popular.*

**1. Jonathan loves David and seeks to exalt him (18:1-5).**

\*Why does Jonathan love David so? Recall 13:3,4, 14:1-15

\*Why does Jonathan give his robe and equipment? Isa. 22:21

\*Why Jonathan’s secret covenant with David? See 20:8,30,13-17, 23:17,18. This is culturally / politically unheard of (20:30,31).

**David grows in popularity and prosperity in the sight of all:**

He is greatly loved by all (1,3,16,28)

He is widely admired by all (1,5,7,16,20,30)

He is hugely successful in all his ways (5,14,15,30)

**TURNING POINT:** *Singing women makes Saul wildly jealous*

**2. Saul jealously fears David and seeks to kill him (18:6-30).**

\*Note Saul’s repeated emotional responses to David: anger, dread, fear (3x). Saul’s “prophecy” (KJV) is in “rage” (NASV).

\*Attempts to kill David: by a spear, putting into dangerous battle situations, dangerous dowry, later assassinations and an all out fugitive hunt. All but Saul love David, who seems oblivious.

\*Irony: David will prove to be the most loyal / helpful of all to Saul.  
Saul’s early attempts upon David backfire to magnify him.  
Jealousy costs Saul most (his sanity, 4 kids, his regime)  
David will later endanger a rival for a woman as Saul did.

✓ **Causes of Jealousy / envy:** *feelings of entitlement, blaming others / God, frustration for not getting what you want, hurt.*

✓ **Questions:** *Do you find it easier to be a Jonathan or a Saul?  
Have you lost some relationships and potential blessings because of jealousy / envy?*