

GOD'S MAN - GOD'S TIME - GOD'S PLACE

"After Killing a Giant"

1 Samuel 18:1-16

INTRODUCTION:

1. **QUESTION:** When was the last time you thanked God for NOT showing you the FUTURE?
2. One of the attributes of God is his immutability. Meaning He never changes!!!
 - a) BUT we do.
 - b) And then the unexpected tests of life?
3. **WE MUST LEARN to take "ONE DAY AT A TIME"**
4. *Romans 8:28*
5. **WOW!!!** How gracious of God to give David one day at a time.
 - a) **Think about it:** Any normal person would think that after killing Goliath, David would just take the throne!
6. **BUT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN THAT WAY!!!**
 - a) In the aftermath of killing Goliath David entered into one of the deepest, darkest valleys of his entire life.

THIS MORNING LET'S SEE HOW GOD PREPARES DAVID

I. REVIEW - A GREAT VICTORY

1. **1 Samuel 17:55-58**
 - a) Cf. 17:41-54
2. David became famous. A national HERO.
 - a) People began to sing praises about him.
3. David became an overnight celebrity.

II. RELATIONSHIP DEVELOPMENTS

1. In order to become the greatest king in Israel's history God would Break David.
 - a) *Hebrews 4:12*

A. SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY

1. 1 Samuel 18:2

2. **WOW!!!** David was a king in training without Saul even knowing it!!!

3. **The result?** David Prospered.

a) Vs 5

1) "**and David was successful**"

a) The word success here means to act "wisely of prudently"

b) Hebrew word is "**sakal**"

b) Vs 14-15, 30

4. The reason David was successful was because he was wise and prudent.

a) **WOW:** Knowledge - Understanding - **WISDOM**

5. **DAVID'S SECRET TO SUCCESS?**

a) He simply did what God told him to do.

b) David submitted to authority and God lifted him up!!!

B. A REALLY GOOD FRIEND

1. Vs 1, 3

2. I believe that Jonathan was so moved by David's faith that he had nothing but the utmost respect for David.

3. God knew that David would need a friend he could trust.

a) A friend who would walk with him through the dark valley David would be going through!!!

b) Intimate Godly close friends are rare.

4. There is something about an intimate, close, godly friend, that causes our souls to be tight.

5. **Here are a few characteristics of an intimate friend:**

a) **They are willing to sacrifice.**

1) Vs 4

2) A true friend is never **selfish**.

3) 20:4

b) **They are loyal.**

- 1) 19:4
- 2) 19:5 Simply the truth
 - a. "Dad your wrong about David."
- 3) Proverbs 27:6

- c) They are encouragers
 - 1) 23:15-16

C. RELATIONSHIP TO THE PEOPLE

1. 1 Samuel 18:5

2. Everybody liked David.

3. Vs 6-7

4. Watch - Vs 14

- a) "*for the LORD was with him*"
- b) "*successful*" - Because he was wise.

5. Proverbs 10:19

- a) "*When words are many, transgression is not lacking*"
 - 1) A person who is wise knows how to keep their mouths shut.

- b) "*but whoever restrains his lips is prudent*"
 - 1) Or wise, successful - a "*sakal*" person

6. Proverbs 21:11

- a) "*wise*" - same word "*sakal*"
- b) So a successful person is teachable.

7. THINGS ABOUT SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE

- a) They keep their mouths shut
- b) They are teachable

D. RELATIONSHIP TO OPPOSITION

1. Remember David was a "sakal" - man!!!
 - a) His motives, actions, and leadership was right.
 - b) BUT Saul was selfish and jealous.

2. 1 Samuel 18:6-8

a) Saul was "**very angry**" - means he burned within.

b) "**and this saying displeased him**" - inner turmoil (his stomach turned)

3. **BIG QUESTION:** Do you know what destroys people?

a) **ANSWER:** Negative self-talk!!

4. **Vs 9**

5. **Vs 15**

6. Jealousy is a deadly sin!!!!!!!

CONCLUSION:

1. We must learn to take one day at a time!!! **Ephesians 5:15-17**

2. Develop strong godly relationships!!! **Proverbs 27:17**

3. Being positive and wise is our best reaction to the enemy. **Romans 12:17**