

**Notes on the Lecture (compiled by Luanne Hurst)**

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**6 Topics to Consider**

1. Jealousy
2. The Friendship of Jonathan & David
3. Lying
4. Jonathan's Wise Words
5. The Nude Prophet
6. The Psalm

**Jealousy**

- Saul, though humble when first made king, had become accustomed to the affection of the people, and he sought their approval and their attention.
- 18:6-7—Celebration of victory over the Philistines including great praise for David
- 18:8—Saul's anger and jealousy of David (fear that the people would want David as king)
- *Both Saul & the women missed the point. David knew that the victory was the Lord's.*
- 18:9—From that day, on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.
- Is there jealousy in the church today? [Skit: woman bragging about having served at a homeless shelter and about how she cares for the shut-ins. Then she asks, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the finest Christian of them all?" A voice answers: "It's not you, Barbara Avery. It might be Dot Morris." Barbara reacts in anger & jealousy. The mirror points out the importance of motives for service.]
- **2 Cor. 12:20**—Paul feared that he would find jealousy (among other sins) in Corinth. Jealousy is detrimental to the health of the church.
- A rare type of jealousy is "requiring exclusive loyalty"—applies to the Lord as a jealous God.
- **Ex. 34:14**—"for you shall not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."

**The Friendship of Jonathan & David**

- One of the most well-known friendships of all time.
- Jonathan the prince and David the shepherd  
(different ranks, but very much alike in essentials)
  1. both warriors
  2. both commanders in charge of 1000 men each
  3. both with same view of the "uncircumcised Philistines"
  4. both undaunted by obstacles
  5. both reliant on God as their source of strength
  6. both very brave
  7. both obedient & submissive
  8. both loved by the people
  9. both very responsible
  10. both wise
  11. both humble
  12. both the object of Saul's jealousy (13:3-4)
  13. both the object of Saul's wrath
  14. both awaited God's direction

- 15. both given victory by God
- 16. both part of Saul’s household
- Their friendship was lifelong. See David’s lament for Jonathan in 2 Sam. 1.
- Their friendship was tested, but it matured & grew & was a source of comfort & strength to both.
- David must have been humbled to realize that God had anointed him to be the next king, instead of his best friend, Jonathan.

**Lying**

- Is lying ever OK? In 1 Sam. 19 Michal lied to save her husband’s life. She would have justified her actions as a matter of life or death. Is it OK to lie in such circumstances? Could we give an example from our own lives of facing such an extreme situation? Most couldn’t, yet we do lie. Why? Here are some reasons:
  1. To protect a friend
  2. To escape punishment
  3. To conceal our own sin
  4. To avoid humiliation
  5. To be respected or honored
  6. To appear better than we are
  7. To please someone else
- We seem to believe that little white lies are harmless.
- Skit: Let’s eavesdrop on two friends to determine how much they value the truth.
- Little white lies are not spiritually healthful.
- The Bible recorded Michal’s lies; that doesn’t mean God approved of them. The Bible shows us people warts and all.
- God, our Father, cannot lie, but Satan is the father of lies.
- We must never foolishly suppose that we must lie in order to help God accomplish His will in our lives.
- Let’s be careful with our words and seek to reveal God’s character.

**Jonathan’s Wise Words (19:4-5)**

<b>Jonathan did not</b>	<b>Instead, Jonathan did</b>
gang up on Saul with a bunch of David’s supporters	approach Saul privately
have an emotional, threatening confrontation	approach Saul calmly, quietly
attack his father’s character	show respect for Saul & called him “king”
refer to David as Saul’s enemy	characterize David as Saul’s servant
hesitate to address the spiritual dimension	remind Saul of his accountability to God (“do not sin”)
dramatize or diminish the matter	rely on the facts
base his arguments on feelings	defend David’s specific behaviors
focus on Saul’s perception of David as a threat	remind Saul of all the ways David had been beneficial to him
criticize Saul for his own fear of Goliath	commend David’s faith & bravery
paint David as an invincible hero	give God the credit for delivering Israel through David

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explain that this was a private matter between David & Saul only	explain that David helped all of Israel
fan the flames of Saul's jealousy	reinforce Saul's earlier appreciation for David
imply that, as king, Saul would be above the law	state the consequences of killing David—that Saul would be shedding innocent blood
close his defense of his friend with a threat	pose a question, giving Saul an opportunity to make a wise choice
hesitate to defend his friend	willingly risk his life, not fearing his father's anger

**Jonathan gives us a helpful pattern when we must confront someone about sin.**

### **The Nude Prophet**

- This lesson presents us with different uses of the word “prophesy.” See **1 Samuel 18:**
- **10** The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand
- **11** and he hurled it, saying to himself, “I’ll pin David to the wall.” But David eluded him twice (NIV).
- **1 Samuel 19:** the word “prophesy” appears repeatedly.
- **What does the word mean?** According to Webster: “to declare something by divine guidance” or “to speak under the influence of the Holy Spirit”
- In 1 Sam. 18:10-11, we know that Saul was not under the influence of the Holy Spirit, but of an evil spirit. Thus his words would have been evil words from Satan.
- In 1 Sam. 19, the Holy Spirit compelled Saul to speak for God (pushing aside Saul’s murderous thoughts). Saul probably praised and worshiped God in spite of himself.
- Saul prophesied nude all day & all night. God was humbling him.

### **Psalm 59**

- David was surrounded by trouble & danger, but his faith in the Lord was secure.
- He didn’t let his emotions and fears cloud his view of God.
- God didn’t quickly resolve David’s problem with Saul. It lingered on and on.
- During that time God was teaching David that God was utterly reliable and that David could find hope, joy, & peace despite his situation.
- Some of you are burdened by illness, the loss of a loved one, a fragile marriage, problems with your children, or other things.
- Remember that for a believer, having courage doesn’t mean the absence of fear. It means trusting God in spite of our fears and anxieties.
- **Ps. 59:16** But as for me, I shall sing of Your strength; Yes, I shall joyfully sing of Your lovingkindness in the morning, For You have been my stronghold And a refuge in the day of my distress.
- **Ps. 59:17** O my strength, I will sing praises to You; For God is my stronghold, the God who shows me lovingkindness.