

DAVID – FROM BOY TO KING

#3 FRIENDS, FAME, FRAUD & FLIGHT

► 1 Samuel 17

So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. But there was no sword in the hand of David.

Therefore David ran and stood over the Philistine, took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him, and cut off his head with it.

And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. Now the men of Israel and Judah arose and shouted, and pursued the Philistines as far as the entrance of the valley and to the gates of Ekron



► **Jesus: concealed in OT - revealed in NT**

David was successful by faith and faith alone.

Zech 4:6 'not by might, nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord'

David's victory was Israel's victory. Every Israelite that day became a conqueror because of David's victory.

Jesus conquered Satan and we are fellow partakers in His victory.

Rom 8 v31-37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

► 1 Samuel 18

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.



► 1 Samuel 18

Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. As they danced, they sang:

*"Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands."*



David was successful

- Promoted
- In charge of an elite force of men
- Killed more enemy...
- A song was made about him.
- Recognised everywhere

► 1 Samuel 18

*Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," **he thought**, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.*

And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.



► 1 Samuel 18

*Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with David but had departed from Saul. So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns. **In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him.** When Saul saw how successful he was, **he was afraid of him.** But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.*

*Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and **fight the battles of the LORD.**" For Saul **said to himself,** "I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!"*

► 1 Samuel 18

Now Saul's daughter Michal was in love with David, and when they told Saul about it, he was pleased.

"I will give her to him," he thought, "so that she may be a snare to him and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." So Saul said to David, "Now you have a second opportunity to become my son-in-law."

*.... When Saul realised that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained **his enemy the rest of his days**. The Philistine commanders continued to go out to battle, and as often as they did, David met with more success than the rest of Saul's officers, and his name became well known.*



► 1 Samuel 19

*Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But **Jonathan had taken a great liking to David and warned him**, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out."*

***Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father** and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?" Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death." So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.*

▶ 1 Samuel 19

Once more war broke out, and David went out and fought the Philistines. He struck them with such force that they fled before him.

.....again Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning.

But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed."

► 1 Samuel 19

So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped. Then Michal took an idol and laid it on the bed, covering it with a garment and putting some goats' hair at the head.

When Saul sent the men to capture David, Michal said, "He is ill."

Then Saul sent the men back to see David and told them, "Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may kill him." But when the men entered, there was the idol in the bed, and at the head was some goats' hair. Saul said to Michal, "Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped?"

Michal told him, "He said to me, 'Let me get away. Why should I kill you?'"



► 1 Samuel 19

So David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as leader over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when Saul was told, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. Then Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

...Then Saul went to Samuel .. and the Spirit of God was upon Saul also, and he went on and prophesied... And he also stripped off his clothes and prophesied before Samuel

► 1 Samuel 20

Then David fled from Nain in the hill country of Ephraim and went to Jonathan and asked, "What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to kill me?"

... So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD call David's enemies to account." And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

... But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David. Jonathan got up from the table in fierce anger; on that second day of the feast he did not eat, because he was grieved at his father's shameful treatment of David.



▶ **How God helps David through this time of trial and confusion**

The spirit of the Lord – Holy Spirit is still upon David.

- God's way of support often uses other people and people going through trials need their friend's support.

➤ **Jonathan....**

- Warns David of danger - 1 Samuel 19 v2
- Speaks well of David to Saul - 1 Samuel 19 v4
- Speaks well of David to David - 1 Samuel 23 v15-17

▶ **How God helps David through this time of trial and confusion**

Michal....

- Street smart – tells David to 'Run tonight'
- She helps him escape
- She delays Saul's pursuit of David
- She had pagan idols and is an accomplished liar.

▶ **How God helps David through this time of trial and confusion**

Samuel....

- Someone to 'listen' to David pour out his worries
- Someone on the same page, a spiritual mentor – who knew the Spirit of the Lord was on David
- They spent time together – sharing
- They spent time together at the Prophet school - fellowship