

1. "Real Recognize Real" - 1 Samuel 18:1-5

Jonathan recognizes David to be a man after God's own heart. Therefore, Jonathan rejoices as he himself is also a man who delights in God's glory. Even though Jonathan could have been offended by the success of David, he:

- a. covenants with David
- b. gives his royal garments and weapons to David as a sign of his loyalty

Application Question:

- a. In the sermon, it was said that Jonathan had a nose for what God was doing, and he himself got on board with it. Do you feel like you have an idea of what God is doing in your life and around you?
- b. What does it mean to you that you get "on board" with what God is doing?

2. Consuming Jealousy - 1 Samuel 18:6-16

Saul sees the rejoicing of the Israelites, but is displeased that he shares the glory with David. This leads him to anger and jealousy. This jealousy will lead him to plots of trying to kill David.

- a. contrast to Jonathan's actions, Saul doesn't have a nose for what God is doing
- b. throws a spear to try and kill David, he is working directly against God's plans

Application Question:

- a. Have you ever witnessed the devastation that jealousy can have in your own life? If willing, share it with your CG.
- b. In Genesis 4, Cain faces similar jealousy towards Abel. God tells Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." (Gen. 4:6b-7 NIV)
Can you think of any areas in your own life right now where you can sense sin crouching at your door?
How can you master it? Are you willing to master it?

3. Further Plots Against David - 1 Samuel 18:17-30

Saul continues to plot against David's life

- a. leverages his first daughter to expose David to the Philistines
- b. leverages his second daughter to expose David to the Philistines
- c. it is not fitting for man to be jealous for his own glory, however when God is jealous for His, it is for the benefit of His people

Application Question:

- a. It was said in the sermon that God seeking out his own glory is for the benefit of his people. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? Has this statement ever worked in your own life?
- b. What are some areas of your life that you need to trust God in? If willing, share it with your CG.