

Aftermath of a Giant-Killer

SERIES: DAVID Part 4

Relationships: 4 Different Experiences

Relationship #1 – Relationship of **SUBMISSION**

1 Samuel 18:2 (MSG) *Saul received David into his own household that day, no more to return to the home of his father.*

1 Samuel 18:5 (MSG) *Whatever Saul gave David to do, he did it—and did it well. . .*

1 Samuel 18:1 (MSG) *By the time David had finished reporting to Saul, Jonathan was deeply impressed with David—an immediate bond was forged between them. He became totally committed to David. From that point on he would be David's number-one advocate and friend.*

1 Samuel 18:3 (MSG) *Jonathan, out of his deep love for David, made a covenant with him.*

Relationship #2 - The Need for an **INTIMATE** Friend in Your Life

INTIMATE FRIENDSHIP HAS FOUR CHARACTERISTICS:

1st, an intimate friend is willing to **SACRIFICE**.

1 Samuel 18:4 (MSG) ⁴ *He formalized it with solemn gifts: his own royal robe and weapons—armor, sword, bow, and belt.*

2nd, an intimate friend is a loyal **DEFENSE** before others.

1 Samuel 19:4 *"Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father..."*

1 Samuel 19:4-5 (MSG) *Jonathan brought up David with his father, speaking well of him. "Please," he said to his father, "don't attack David. He hasn't wronged you, has he? And just look at all the good he has done! ⁵ e put his life on the line when he killed the Philistine. What a great victory God gave Israel that day! You were there. You saw it and were on your feet applauding with everyone else. So why would you even think of sinning against an innocent person, killing David for no reason whatever?"*

3rd, intimate friends give each other complete FREEDOM to be themselves.

1 Samuel 20:41 (MSG) After the servant was gone, David got up from his hiding place beside the boulder, then fell on his face to the ground—three times prostrating himself! And then they kissed one another and wept, friend over friend, David weeping especially hard.

4th, an intimate friend is a constant source of ENCOURAGEMENT.

1 Samuel 23:15-16 (MSG) ¹⁵ . . . ¹⁶ Jonathan, Saul's son, visited David at Horesh and encouraged him in God.

Relationship #3 – ELEVATION with the People of Israel

1 Samuel 18:5 (MSG) Whatever Saul gave David to do, he did it—and did it well. So well that Saul put him in charge of his military operations. Everybody, both the people in general and Saul's servants, approved of and admired David's leadership.

1 Samuel 18:6-7; 1 Samuel 18:14 (MSG) ¹⁴ Everything David did turned out well. Yes, God was with him.

Relationship #4 – David's OPPOSITION with King Saul

1 Samuel 18:8-9 (NIV) Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "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 jealous eye on David.

RELEVANCE: OUR LIVES TODAY

1st, not knowing the future forces us to take ONE DAY at a time.

Matthew 6:34 "Each day has enough trouble of its own."

2nd, having an intimate friend helps us FACE whatever comes our way.

3rd, being positive and wise is the best REACTION to an enemy.