**Because the Lord was with him.**

1 Samuel 18:1- 19:24 (Key verse 18:14)

*In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him.*

1. After David defeated Goliath and reported to Saul, how did Jonathan respond to David? (18:1) In what respect did Jonathan become one in spirit with David and what was his motive in loving David? (14:6[[1]](#footnote-1), 17:47[[2]](#footnote-2)) How did Jonathan express his love for David? (18:2-4) What can we learn about Jonathan’s friendship with David, and what does this tell us about them?
2. How did David carry out whatever Saul assigned? What was the result? (18:5) What sparked Saul’s jealousy? (18:6-9) What made Saul try to kill David? (10-11) How was David successful? (12, 14) What does it mean that the “*the Lord was with him*” and why? What was the response of Saul and of the people on David’s success? (18:12-13, 18:15-16)
3. How did Saul make use of his daughters in attempting to kill David? (18:17-27) How did David respond? (18:18,23,27) How did Saul’s plots backfire? (18:28-30) When Saul directly ordered for David to be killed, how did Jonathan defend and protect him? (19:1-7) Though Saul had reconciled with David, why could he not control his desire to kill David? (19:8-10a; Lk 11:24-26[[3]](#footnote-3)) How did Michal help David to escape? (19:10b-17) What can we learn about God’s intervention in these situations?
4. How did David seek spiritual help in his time of need and what did Samuel do for him? (19:18-20) Why did Saul and his dispatched soldiers fail to catch David? (19:21-24) What can we learn about God’s intervention in this situation?

1. **1 Samuel 14:6** - Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, “Come, let’s go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised men. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **1 Samuel 17:47** - All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. **Luke 11:24-26** - “When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ 25 When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. 26 Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)