I Samuel 18-19

Review…

- **Chapter 15-16 – A new king for Israel…**
  - Saul disobeyed God – and would not repent – so God regretted ever making Saul king…
  - God told Samuel to go to the house of Jesse in Bethlehem to anoint a new king…
  - When Samuel arrived he saw all 7 older sons of Jesse – but God rejected them all…
  - The youngest – a shepherd boy named David – God choose to anoint as King!
- **Chapter 17 – Facing the giant…**
  - After about 10 years – the Philistines went to war with Israel…
    - They had a new secret weapon – the nine-foot tall giant named Goliath…
    - He came out every day for 40 days challenging anyone to face him in battle
  - David was watching the sheep – but one day his father sent him to check on his brothers…
    - When he arrived he heard the taunts of the giant – and saw everyone cower in fear…
    - He asked who this pagan was that he though he could challenge the people of God!
    - When Saul heard he called for David – and the young man offered to face the giant
  - David took his shepherds staff – and five smooth stones – and ran out to battle…
    - With one stone he dropped the mighty giant – and cut of his head…
    - When the Philistines saw their champion dead – they ran away in fear!

David and Saul… (*3 things*)

- **1st – The envy of Saul… vs. 1-11** Read: I Samuel 18:6-11
  - 1st - The friendship of Jonathan and David… vs. 1-4
    - There was an immediate bond when David met Jonathan…
      - Jonathan trusted in God – led Israel to victory over the Philistines – **I Samuel 14**
      - David trusted in God – led Israel to victory over the Philistines – killing Goliath…
      - They had they same spirit – the same passion and confidence in the Lord…
    - So Jonathan made a vow to be the friend of David – gave him his armor / sword…
      - Every notice when you walk into a room with believers in Jesus...
      - Even if you have never met them before - it feels like a family reunion...
      - There is immediate sweet fellowship through our common faith in Jesus!
      - When you have a heart for Jesus – it is easy to spot someone else who loves God!

- 2nd - Saul his thousands / David his ten thousands… vs. 5-9
  - When King Saul and David came back from the victory over Goliath…
    - The women came out of the cities singing and dancing in celebration…
    - They sang Saul has killed his thousands – and David his ten thousands…
    - Saul was VERY angry when he heard it – David got more credit than he did!
  - From that day on Saul was VERY envious of David…
    - A while back one of the kids got a nice new bike…
    - Up until then everyone had been content with their old bike / or no bike…
    - But once they saw the new bike – they all had to have one – they needed one!
    - Funny how we are never happy with what we have – only with what we do not…
    - Envy is not about what we need – it is not being content with whatever we have…
    - If we focus on what we do not have – we will have an empty miserable life…
    - It is when we give thanks for what the Lord has given us – we are blessed!
- 3rd - Saul's first attempt to kill David… vs. 10-11
  - The very next day – Saul was tormented in his spirit (*thinking about David*)…
    - David seeing Saul was upset – tried to help and picked up a harp to play…
    - Saul pretended to calm down – and even faked going to the Lord in prayer…
    - Hoping David would be caught off guard – so he could kill him…
  - At just the right moment – Saul threw a spear at David's head…
    - But David was able to dodge the spear – ran out of the house and escaped!
    - Because Saul was consumed by his envy – he lashed out in anger...
    - When we allow envy to come into our lives – we loose perspective…
    - God has promised to give us everything we need – but not everything we want…
    - When we envy we are saying God is a liar – He has not given us what we need...
    - So envy takes our eyes off the Lord – and confusion and anger quickly follow!
    - **James 3:16** – "For where envy and self–seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there."

- **2ND – SON IN LAW TO THE KING… VS. 12-30** READ: I SAMUEL 18:12-16
  - 1st - Saul was afraid of David… vs. 12-16
    - The king knew God was with David – but that God had left him…
      - So Saul made David commander over 1000 men – and sent him away…
      - Saul did not want to be reminded of how far he had walked away from the Lord!
      - When we harden our heart to God – we do not want to be around other Christians…
      - We are reminded of the fact that we are in sin – so we do what we can to get away…
      - Not only do we not want to be in fellowship – but we also tend to get into more sin
      - The path of sin is a slippery slope that has no bottom…
    - All of Israel and Judah loved David because God was with him…
      - David was successful in EVERYTHING he did – because of who was with him…

- When Saul saw the success of David – he was all the more afraid of him!
- **Psalms 1:1-3** – "Blessed is the man... his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season… whatever he does shall prosper."
- If you find nothing you try in life seem to be working out - work / relationships…
- Chances are it is because you are not spending time with the Lord...
- As we get into the Word - hear from the Lord - He directs our steps...
- Then no matter what we put our hands to - we will prosper!

○ 2nd - The 2nd attempt of Saul to kill David… vs. 17-30

▪ Saul had promised to give his daughter to David – **I Samuel 17:25**…

- But Saul decided to use the wedding as an opportunity to kill David…
  - Saul wanted David to prove he was a 'real warrior' - deserving of a princess…
  - But Saul was hopping again David would end up getting himself killed in battle…
- But David refused to marry Saul's daughter Merab…
  - In humility he asked – 'whom am I that I should be the son in law to the king'…
  - Merab was given to another man - breaking Saul's vow he gave for Goliath…
  - Saul who had threatened to kill his own son for breaking a vow – **I Samuel 14**
  - Had fallen so far – he now thought nothing of breaking his own vow…
  - We do not just decide one day to love the world - walk away from the God...
  - If you stick a frog in hot water it will jump right back out...
  - But if you stick a frog in cold water – then slowly increase the heat...
  - You will boil him without him even knowing he was in danger...
  - Compromise is slow process that step-by-step leads us away from Jesus...
  - Do not take the risk - keep your eyes firmly fixed on / following after - Jesus!

▪ Another of Saul's daughters – Michal – fell in love with David…

- When Saul found out he was pleased – and encouraged David to marry her…
  - But David hesitated again – he could not afford the dowry for the princess…
  - In Bible times a man had to pay a dowry to the family of his bride…
  - It was kept by her father - to care of the women should the man ever die…
  - The more important the woman – the more expensive the dowry!
- Saul agreed to a 'special dowry' – 100 Philistine foreskins…
  - Again Saul's plan was that David would die trying to kill 100 Philistines…
  - But David readily agreed to the dowry – and gave Saul 200 foreskins!
  - Then Saul knew the Lord was REALLY with David – and Michal loved him…
  - So for the rest of his life – Saul chose to hate / be the enemy of David!
  - When the NPA hold rallies – there is hate in their message towards the 'rich'…
  - In their mind the 'rich' have what they deserve – they are envious…
  - The 'rich' have done nothing to them – but their envy makes them their enemy!
  - When we allow ourselves to be consumed by envy – it will turn to hate!

- **3RD – THE PLOT TO KILL DAVID… VS. 1-24** READ: I SAMUEL 19:1-13

- The plea of Jonathan to spare David… vs. 1-8
  - Saul called all his servants / and Jonathan – and asked them to help kill David…
    - Because Jonathan loved David – he told him all about his father's plans…
    - He asked David to go and hide in the fields – he had a price on his head…
    - Jonathan would speak to Saul – see if he could not change his mind…
  - The next day Jonathan took Saul aside – **Galatians 6:1**…
    - He reminded Saul of all the good David had done for the king and Israel…
    - How David had been a faithful servant – and how he had defeated Goliath…
    - He had done nothing worthy of death – so why did the king want him dead…
    - Saul listened and promised no harm would come to David…
    - When people are caught up in sin - they are afraid to come to God / church...
    - They think everyone knows - and is talking about 'what they did'...
    - So it is our responsibility to go to them - reach them where they are!
    - If they are wandering around the plaza - wander with them...
    - But we do need to be careful - we do not want to get caught up in their sin...
    - Do not get sucked what they are doing - but go and share Jesus with them!
- The 3rd attempt of Saul to kill David… vs. 9-18
  - David went out to battle against the Philistines – and won a mighty victory…
    - When he returned to the King – Saul was again in a VERY bad mood…
    - David tried to play the harp for the king – but it did not help…
    - Saul grabbed his spear – and tried to pin David to the wall – but he escaped!
    - Saul had promised not to harm David – but his hatred got the best of him…
    - People who are not walking with the Lord – might agree with what you say…
    - But the moment you walk away – they will do what they want to do!
  - Saul sent soldiers to watch David's house…
    - They were ordered to kill David when he came out in the morning…
    - But Michal knew the plan – and arranged to save her husband's life…
    - She helped him climb out a window – and put an idol with a wig in his bed…
  - Saul called for David the next morning – but Michal said he was sick…
    - The king demanded he be brought before him in his bed – so he could kill him!
    - Then they discovered the ruse – and Saul asked why Michal had tricked him…
    - She lied and said David had threatened to kill her if she did not help…
    - Suggesting Michal would have been killed if she had told the truth…
    - Saul was so consumed by his envy / hate – he did not care who he hurt!
    - Envy / hate/ sin - will destroy our lives – and the lives of everyone around us…
    - Whether it is a fight with a friend / or an argument with family...
    - In the end it will only hurt us – and those who we love the most!
  - David composes some of the most beautiful Psalms during theses years…

- **Psalm 59:1** – "A Psalm of David when Saul sent men, and they watched the house in order to kill him. Deliver me from my enemies, O my God; Defend me from those who rise up against me."
- Diamonds are one of the most valuable jewels – but they did not start that way…
- They begin as worthless coal – exposed to extreme heat / pressure – diamond…
- It might not seem fair David had to run for his life from Saul…
- But God was taking a lump of coal – and making him into a diamond!
- God uses the hard times in life to make us into men and women of God!

- Saul the prophet… vs. 19-24 READ: I SAMUEL 19:19-24

  - David fled to Ramah – to the house of the prophet Samuel…
    - Saul found out and sent soldiers to capture David…
    - But instead when they arrived the Spirit of God came on them and they prophesied!
    - So Saul sent another group – they prophesied / the same with a third group!
  - Finally Saul himself came to capture and kill David…
    - But the Spirit of God came on Saul as well – and he began to sing and prophesy…
    - Saul threw off his royal robes – and in humility joined in the worship of God…
    - So God saved David – not with might – but with the power of praise!
    - David did not have to fight Saul – he did not have to defend himself…
    - All he had to do was go and praise the Lord – and God protected Him!
    - **I Thessalonians 5:18** -"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God..."
    - We fight the battle by worshiping the Lord - looking to Jesus!