

JEALOUSY: THE BIG GREEN MONSTER! 1 SAM. 18:6-9

Jealousy:

- We all experience it!
- We experience both sides.
- We **might not** / **probably won't** call it jealousy.
- None of us care to deal with it.
- All of us must come to understand it
- and how that jealousy &/ envy have no payday

Reality check:

1 Samuel 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 1 Samuel 18:2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 1 Samuel 18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 1 Samuel 18:4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. 1 Samuel 18:5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, *and* behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

- David had won a great victory!
- David & Jonathan became friends.
- Saul chose / wanted David as part of his team.
- David was a fantastic find.

I. Jealousy is always an inside job!

1 Samuel 18:6 And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, **to meet king Saul**, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick. 1 Samuel 18:7 And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, **Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.** 1 Samuel 18:8 And Saul was **very wroth**, and the saying displeased him; and he said, **They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?** 1 Samuel 18:9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

1 Samuel 18:8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; **and he said**, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom?

1 Samuel 18:11 And Saul cast the javelin; **for he said**, I will smite David even to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

1 Samuel 18:17 And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. **For Saul said**, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

1 Samuel 18:21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in *the one of* the twain.

1 Samuel 18:25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. **But Saul thought** to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

What do we find in this text?

- Saul was talking.
- But to whom? Himself!!!
- All done internally **without** anyone's knowledge

II. Jealousy is usually about other things!

1 Samuel 18:12 And Saul was afraid of David, **because** the LORD was with him, **and** was departed from Saul.

1 Samuel 15:10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, 1 Samuel 15:11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. 1 Samuel 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams. 1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. **Because** thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

Who could help him?

- An inside job

- About...other things...
- Not about his life
- Not about friends & family
- Only he could change things

III. Jealousy is inevitably **obsessive!**

1 Samuel 18:8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: **and what can he have more but the kingdom?** **1 Samuel 18:9** And **Saul eyed David from that day and forward.**

1 Samuel 18:10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: **and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.** **1 Samuel 18:11** And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, **I will smite David even to the wall with it.** And David avoided out of his presence twice.

1 Samuel 18:13 **Therefore** Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

1 Samuel 18:17 And Saul said to David, **Behold my elder daughter Merab**, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.

1 Samuel 18:21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in *the one of* the twain. **1 Samuel 18:22** And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

1 Samuel 18:29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; **and Saul became David's enemy continually.**

IV. Jealousy isn't **fazed / changed by reality!**

1 Samuel 18:5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, **and behaved himself wisely**: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

1 Samuel 18:12 And Saul was afraid of David, **because the LORD was with him**, and was departed from Saul.

1 Samuel 18:14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; **and the LORD was with him.**

1 Samuel 18:15 Wherefore when Saul saw that **he behaved himself very wisely**, he was afraid of him.

1 Samuel 18:16 **But all Israel and Judah loved David**, because he went out and came in before them.

1 Samuel 18:18 And **David** said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, *or* my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

1 Samuel 18:23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. **And David said**, Seemeth it to you *a light thing* to be a king's son in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

1 Samuel 18:28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD *was* with David, **and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.** **1 Samuel 18:29** And Saul was **yet the more afraid** of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually.

1 Samuel 18:30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, **that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.**

What do we know?

- David behaved wisely → appropriately, properly, successfully
- David was loved
- David wasn't plotting
- David could not have changed a thing

V. Jealousy usually **involves / includes others (in the plotting)**

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1 Samuel 18:20 And **Michal** Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

1 Samuel 18:22 And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby **many** be defiled;