

# SAUL & THE ABUSE OF JONATHAN 1 SAM. 20:1

Abuse requires:

- Some kind of position of authority
- Some kind of power → it can be...
- A certain kind of personality

## Characteristics:

### 1. Isolate

#### **Isolating** you from:

Family

Friends

Church

Godly influences

*For no good reason!*

**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 18:6** 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 18:14** 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 18:30** 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.

**1 Samuel 19:1** And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, **that they should kill David.**

I didn't recognize this but I should have:

- Forced to pull away
- Change churches (again & again & again...)
- Move to a different location
- Limited / non-existent connections

WHO IS THIS FOR? WHO IS THIS ABOUT?

David?

Jonathan?

Saul?

### 2. Manipulate!

#### **Manipulating** reality!

**1 Samuel 20:30** Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, **Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?** **1 Samuel 20:31** For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt **not** be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die. **1 Samuel 20:32** And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

**1 Samuel 23:16** And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. **1 Samuel 23:17** And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. **1 Samuel 23:18** And they two made a covenant before the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

You are the:	
Crazy one	Angry one
Abuser	Cheater
Liar	Have it wrong
Can't remember	

"It is common for people to lose touch with reality, history, & their story → during these times."

### 3. Violate

#### **Violating** boundaries: where I end and you begin.

**RLW: I will not violate yours & will not allow you to violate mine!**

Romans 14:12 So then **every one** of us shall give account of **himself** to God.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must **all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that **every one** may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

1 Samuel 19:4 And **Jonathan** spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; **because** he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: 1 Samuel 19:5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

1 Samuel 20:1 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, **What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?**

1 Samuel 20:32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, **Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done? 1 Samuel 20:33 And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him:** whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David.

<b>Factors:</b>	
➤ You don't get opinions	➤ You don't get feelings
➤ You don't get thoughts / to think	➤ You don't get space

**Abused often grow up & can only be a toggle switch: dictator or doormat**

**Most of us live on a continuum & can move along the continuum without ever having difficulty.**

### 4. Denigrate

#### **Denigrating** those closest to them

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**This can obviously be done in many ways:**

Proverbs 15:13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Proverbs 15:15 All the days of the afflicted are evil: But he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: But a broken spirit drieth the bones.

➤ Denigrating humor	➤ Denigrating names
➤ No self-deprecating humor → wouldn't even understand the concept	

### 5. Obfuscate

#### **Obfuscating** between:

Public & private	Talk & walk
Emotions & THE emotion	One moment & the next moment

1 Samuel 19:6 And Saul **hearkened** unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul **swore**, **As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.**

1 Samuel 19:8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him. 1 Samuel 19:9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand. 1 Samuel 19:10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. 1 Samuel 19:11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

1 Samuel 24:16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, **that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.**

1 Samuel 24:22 And David swore unto Saul. **And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.**

1 Samuel 26:25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail.

**So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.**