



## I. DESPERATE JEALOUSY

- Saul's reign as king was introduced with HUMILITY and yet a righteous ANGER for the sake of Israel. (1 Sam. 10:22; 11:6)
- God rejected Saul because of DISOBEDIENCE. (1 Sam. 13:13-14; 15:10-11)
- Saul's jealousy was heightened by an EVIL SPIRIT sent by the Lord. (1 Sam. 16:14; 18:10-11)

## II. THE PURSUIT

- David was first welcomed into Saul's house for two reasons: his ability to SOOTHE Saul's spirit, and his victory over GOLIATH. (1 Sam. 16:19-23; 17:57-58)
- THREE times David had to avoid being speared in Saul's court. (1 Sam. 18:10-11; 19:9-10)
- Saul tried to eliminate David by making him a COMMANDER so that he might be killed by the Philistines. (1 Sam. 18:12)
- Saul wanted David to marry his daughter in order to ENSNARE him so that he might be killed by the Philistines. (1 Sam. 18:17, 20-21)
- Saul extended to his attendants a LICENSE to KILL. He also sent a regiment to David's house with an order to kill him. (1 Sam. 19:1, 11-17)
- TWO times Saul promised not to do harm to David only to break his WORD. (1 Sam. 19:6; 26:21)
- Saul pursued David around a rock in the Desert of Maon, only to be interrupted by the news of a Philistine invasion. (1 Samuel 23:7-8; 26-29)
- TWO times Saul seemed to be DELIVERED into David's hands. Both times David refrained from initiating his own vengeance on Saul because he was the Lord's anointed one. (1 Sam. 24, 26)
- The pursuit came to an end when Saul DIED on Mount Gilboa.

## III. THE LAMENT OF THE BOW (2 SAMUEL 1:17-27)

*"How the mighty have fallen!"*

- NO MENTION of Saul's pursuit was made in DAVID'S lament.

- The ANGUISH of the lament was reserved for Israel. The CURSE of the lament was placed upon the battleground.  
 v. 20-21 *"Tell it not in Gath . . . "Mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew nor rain.*
- Saul was CELEBRATED for his might in battle (and so was Jonathan).  
 v. 21b *For there the shield of the mighty was despised, the shield of Saul—no longer rubbed with oil.*  
 22 *the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, the sword of Saul did not return unsatisfied.*  
 23 *Saul and Jonathan— in life they were loved and admired,*
- By honoring Saul as the LORD'S ANOINTED, David strengthened the nation and the monarchy. (1 Sam. 24:6, 10; 26: 9,11,16, 23; 2 Sam. 1:14,16)

## APPLICATION:

- Respect is EARNED. Honor is GIVEN.
- The danger of humility is LOSING it.
- HAPPINESS is at least secondary to God's will for us.



## WALK THE TALK //

*This tool is designed for you to apply what you have learned from the Scriptures. Our goal is not just "to know" but to "act upon what we know." (His Word, Our Walk!)*

*We encourage you to discuss the following questions with family, friends and your Group. Although you can review it on your own, it will be most useful to you when processed with others!*

1. Think of something in the past that made you really happy and now does not mean much to you. Share your story about this.
2. How do you think David felt during the lengthy time that Saul pursued him? What was David's focus that saw him through this time?
3. How do you do with people in authority over you? Do you respect them? Do you honor them?
4. Consider writing a note, email, or letter to someone who has authority over you to honor them for the positive traits they display.