

# CHASING AFTER GOD



Message #4: **A Different Kind of Giant**

## 1 SAMUEL 18

6 Now it had happened as they were coming home, when David was returning from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments.

## 1 SAMUEL 18

7 So the women sang as they danced, and said: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands."

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8 Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

## 1 SAMUEL 18

9 So Saul eyed David from that day forward.

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10 And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand.

## 1 SAMUEL 18

11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.

12 Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul.

## 1 SAMUEL 18

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

14 And David behaved wisely in all his ways, and the LORD was with him.



## 1 SAMUEL 18

15 Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

(NKJV)

- **David has just defeated Goliath.**

- David and Jonathan have forged a strong friendship.

- David is instantly a rockstar.
  - He becomes the most loved person in all Israel.



- All seems well in paradise, until it isn't.**

"Saul has slain his  
thousands,  
and David his

ten thousands."



## King Saul is triggered.

(vs 8)

Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"



- Very angry = become hot,  
burn with anger



- Displeased = implies  
making a loud noise, violent reaction

Threatened by David  
Jealous Rage

## **JAMES 3:14-16**

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

(vs 9)  
So Saul  
**eyed David**  
from that  
day forward.





(vs 10a)

And it happened on the next day that the **distressing spirit from God** came upon Saul, and **he prophesied** inside the house.

- **Prophesied = used negatively here, like speaking out of his mind in a fit**



**Remember, Saul  
started pretty good.**



**1 Samuel 10:6-12**

**“changed him into a new man”**

**“and he prophesied”**

➤ 18:10 “**distressing spirit** from the LORD”

➤ 16:14 “the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a **distressing spirit** from the LORD troubled him”

**Distressing = evil, bad**

**Troubled = tormented**



(vs 9)

So Saul **eyed David**  
from that day forward.

Deuteronomy 32:5

They have corrupted  
themselves; They are not His  
children, because of their  
blemish: a **perverse and**  
**crooked generation.**



**Wicked**  
**Crooked**

*How can we be free?  
Prophecy about Jesus*

**Isaiah 42:16**

I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and **crooked places straight**. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them.

**Only Jesus and His Word**

# TWO WORDS

Sin

Rebellion

- Saul was disobedient & rebellious
- He refused to repent.
- “the Spirit of the LORD departed from him”

# TWO WORDS

Sin

Rebellion

- Saul's life shows us the awful consequences of an unrepentant heart.
- Don't play games with God. You will lose!

# THOUGHT

## 1 Corinthians 5:5

**deliver such a one to Satan for the  
destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may  
be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.**

# **INTERESTING REMEDY**

(vs 10b)

**So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand.**



# SAUL - WICKEDNESS

- **4 Assassination attempts in this chapter**
  - 2 spear chunks – “I will pin David to the wall”
  - 2 Evil Plots involving the Philistines
  - Sending David to battle hoping the Philistines would kill him

# SAUL - WICKEDNESS

- Deceptive lie (with daughter, Merab)
- Plot to ruin David's life (Michal)
  - “she may be a snare to him”
  - Dowry: 100 >> 200 Philistines...

**HOW DO YOU WIN THIS  
KIND OF FIGHT?**

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**HOW DO YOU DEFEAT  
THIS KIND OF GIANT?**

# HOW TO FIGHT RIGHT

weapon

1

## Servant Heart

David...**Continued to serve**  
in spite of Saul's threats  
(the music, the battles)

# HOW TO FIGHT RIGHT

weapon

# 2

## Heavenly Wisdom

**(vs 14) And David behaved wisely in  
all his ways, and the LORD  
was with him.**

# HOW TO FIGHT RIGHT

weapon

3

**Faithfulness, Consistency**

**Did NOT allow Saul's madness to shut him down, stayed faithful**

**(vs 16) But all Israel & Judah loved David, because he went out & came in before them.**

# HOW TO FIGHT RIGHT

weapon

4

## Stay Humble

(vs 23) "Does it seem to you a light thing to be a king's son-in-law, seeing I am a poor and lightly esteemed man?"

"God gives grace (empowerment) to the humble"

# HOW TO FIGHT RIGHT

**weapons**

**Servant Heart  
Heavenly Wisdom  
Faithfulness, Consistency  
Stay Humble**



# THE BLESSING

(vs 30) Then the princes of the Philistines went out to war. And so it was, whenever they went out, that David **behaved more wisely** than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became **highly esteemed**.

**If you fight right, you win every time!**

# A DIFFERENT KIND OF GIANT

## Under torment?

- Learn from the madness of Saul

**Jesus is  
The Great Deliver**

“to set the captives free”

## Got Battles to Fight?

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His life, His power, His wisdom

“the Spirit of the LORD  
came upon David”

**Learn to Fight Right**

## **Numbers 6:24-26**

24 "The LORD bless you and keep you;

25 The LORD make His face shine upon  
you, and be gracious to you;

26 The LORD lift up His countenance upon  
you, and give you peace."