



STANDING IN THE
PRESENCE OF
GREATNESS

1 Samuel 18: 5-30

SEEKING AFTER
GOD'S OWN HEART



GROWING IN FAITH
FROM THE LIFE OF KING DAVID



Growing lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ
by being a CHRISTIAN CARING COMMUNITY

PAULSGROVE
METHODIST CHURCH



The silent killer

8
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TWO WAYS
TO LIVE

Discussion questions for midweek discipleship growth groups

1. Read 1 Samuel 18:5-30
2. What was the potential danger to both Saul and David in verse 5?
3. Verses 6-9 sees the start of the rot in Saul and David's relationship. What should we do when sin starts to creep in? What was Saul's mistake here? Trace the downward spiral of unchecked sin in Saul in this chapter.
4. What two statements in verse 12 are deeply sad and a warning to us?
5. As God's Spirit had left Saul (verse 12), what was he now filled with instead? (v10). Compare Matthew 12:43-45. Can you see the progression and result of unchecked and unconfessed sin in Saul's life? How can that happen to us? Compare David's fear in Psalm 51:11 after his adultery.
6. Notice Saul is prophesying in verse 10, but moments later tries to kill David. See also 19:9-10, 23-24. How can these seemingly spiritual gifts coincide in a man full of jealousy and hatred? Can it happen to us?
7. How did David handle praise and success? (Verse 5, then 6-7, then verses 14 and 16, then verse 30.) Clue is in verses 12, 14, 18 and 23.
8. How did David handle demotion due to Saul's jealousy? (verses 12-13). See again verse 14.
9. King Saul made three promises in 17:25 (please read) to the one who killed Goliath. How do you think David faced these broken promises, especially being cheated in his hopes of marriage? How can we deal with bitter and deep disappointments in life?