

The DECEITFUL SETUP

(1 Samuel 18:17-30)

1. Taking **ADVANTAGE** of someone for your own gain is ugly. (Leviticus 25:17; Proverbs 22:22-23; 1 Thessalonians 4:6; Philippians 2:3; Romans 12:3; 2 Corinthians 11:14; Romans 16:17-18)
2. Ugliers on the **OUTSIDE** begin as ugliers on the **INSIDE**. (2 Corinthians 10:5; Matthew 12:34, 15:18-19; Proverbs 23:7)
3. God **RESISTS** the proud, but gives **GRACE** to the humble. (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34; Psalm 25:9; Daniel 10:12; Philippians 2:5-8; Luke 22:42; James 3:16; 2 Samuel 22:28; Proverbs 11:2; 1 John 2:16-17; 1 Peter 5:5)
4. The enemy wants us to **FALL**, but God will enable us to **STAND!** (1 Corinthians 10:13, 15:1-2, 16:13; Ephesians 6:11,13; Galatians 5:1; Philippians 1:27, 4:1; 1 Peter 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:15; James 5:8)
5. God provides, and in doing so He goes **ABOVE** and **BEYOND!** (Luke 1:35; Ephesians 3:20-21; 2 Corinthians 9:8, 12:9; 2 Peter 1:3; Galatians 2:20; Matthew 25:28-29)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. On Sunday we saw that David didn't feign humility - he was truly humble! (There is a difference...) James 4:6 says "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." What does it look like for God to resist/oppose the proud? What does it look like for God to give grace to the humble? How have you experienced both?
3. Why is manipulation so ugly? How can we safeguard ourselves from manipulating others? What should we do if others are being manipulative toward us?
4. Saul wished to see the hand of the Philistines against David. Envy and jealousy had blinded Saul so much that he wished his own enemy success! Did Saul truly realize the potential consequences of what he was attempting to do? In moments of envy, why can we be quick to not consider the consequences? Or, why might we say "Yeah, I know..." - but do it anyway?
5. Despite Saul's manipulative plot against David, God provided - above and beyond - and David had great success. This is similar to what happened in Genesis when Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. At the end of the book, Joseph was reunited with his brothers. In Genesis 50:19-20 "Joseph said to them, "...am I in the place of God?...you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." In what way have you witnessed a similar turning-of-the-tables in your life? What was the biggest takeaway?
6. Discuss how we see Jesus in today's verses.

