

Series: Fugitive, a study in 1 Samuel

Sermon: The Destructive Force of Jealousy

Primary text: 1 Samuel 18

Discussion guide:

- What is jealousy?
 - How is it different from envy?
 - How is it more dangerous?
- Read Proverbs 6:34, Proverbs 27:4, James 3:16 and discuss how and why each one is true.
- Read 1 Samuel 18:7-9.
 - Why does Saul become jealous?
 - What does this tell you about jealousy?
- Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5, 1 Samuel 18:20, and 1 Samuel 18:12 – can you see why Saul is jealous?
- What would a better attitude than jealousy be here? How could Saul put God, his children, and his country first?
- Read chapter 18
 - Why does Saul choose to see David as an enemy?
 - Should the Christian view others as an enemy? Why or why not? (see Luke 6:27-28) also look up dictionary definition of “enemy”.
 - How is viewing David as an enemy selfish for Saul?
 - How is viewing other humans as enemies selfish for us?
 - Do you view anyone as an enemy? Why?
 - Read chapter 18:20-21 and chapter 19.
 - How did Saul use his children?
 - How do we often use other people?
 - Are you or have you used anyone? How and why?
 - Read 1 Samuel 19:6 – why did Saul say this?
 - How is broken promises the result of a self-centered heart?
 - Have you broken your word recently? Why or why not?
 - Read 1 Samuel 28
 - Why did Saul seek a medium?
 - Why didn't God reply to Saul's prayers?
 - Why do you think Samuel appeared to Saul?

- How is Saul's seeking a medium a sign of his self-centered heart?
- Read 1 Samuel 18:28-29
 - What is most disturbing about this text?