

**Own It – Overcome Jealousy**  
**1 Samuel 18:1-12**

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. If you could change one personality trait in yourself, what would you change?
2. **Read Galatians 5:19-23.** Why is jealousy included in this list of “obvious acts of the flesh”? Contrast the acts of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. To what extent do the fruit of the Spirit consist of attitudes and actions that enhance personal relationships?
3. **Read Samuel 18:1-4.** How would a typical heir apparent to the throne have viewed David?  
<sup>1</sup> What did Jonathan do to show his love and commitment to David? What principles did Jonathan display that we can apply to our own lives?
4. **Read Samuel 18:5-7.** Initially, how did Saul respond to David’s success? How did the people of Israel react to Saul in light of David’s accomplishments?
5. **Read Samuel 18:8-9.** How did Saul respond to the praises people were heaping on David? What can we learn about Saul from his response?<sup>1</sup> Contrast the reaction of Saul with the response of Jonathan.
6. **Read Samuel 18:10-12.** What does it mean that an “evil spirit from God” came upon Saul? What did Saul do when this happened?<sup>1</sup>
7. How did David respond to these attempts on his life? Did he defend himself or get revenge? Did he flee the country? Why or why not?<sup>1</sup>
8. What was going on behind the scenes of all of this intrigue (v12)? Why was David prosperous? What does this teach us about God?<sup>1</sup>
9. Discuss how being thankful for what God has done for you is the antidote for jealousy.
10. What can you do this week to nurture a thankful heart? What do you want to do the next time you’re tempted to be jealous?

1. <https://studyandobey.com/inductive-bible-study/david-solomon-studies/1samuel18/>