



Friends on Opposite Sides

James 3:16-18 / 1 Sam 18, 19-20

The last soldier to die in WWI...one _____ away from peace

Rebellion to God guarantees r_____y with others (3:14, 1 Sam 18)

(14): DO NOT BOAST - used in 2:13 as "triumphing over" = asserting yourself ABOVE God's Word or ways (rebellion)

18:10-11 Tactic #1: Psychologically I_____date

18:12-16 Tactic #2: Physically E_____nate

18:17-27 Tactic #3: Relationally M_____pulate

DAVID, dodging spears & fleeing, needed this: *Why do bad things happen to good people? It's only happened once, and he volunteered! --RC Sproule*

Relational wisdom from God guarantees a multi-level h_____st (3:17-18) 8 traits to start sowing these six weeks::

- Pure *I will not _____ aims but clamp onto Christ*
- Peace loving *I will not wish peace or force peace but _____ peace*
- Gentle *I will not m_____ze your needs*
- Willing to yield *I will not antagonize your _____s*
- Merciful *I will not emphasize your _____s but my 'planks'*
- Fruitful *I will not waste conflict with you*
- Impartial *I will not j_____ your motives or raw info*
- Sincere *I will not act or speak as someone I'm not*

Releasing to God guarantees a true friend (1 Sam 19-20)

- A. A truth-telling friend says _____ things you can't see (19:1-6)
- B. A compassionate friend catches you when God removes your _____es (20:1-23)
- C. A just friend protects you amidst great personal _____ (20:24-34)
- D. A godly friend plants a l_____cy of peace (20:35-42 / 2 Sam 9)

TO DIG DEEPER:

Ken Sande: *The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict*