



1 Samuel 18

We skip ahead a little after the story of David and Goliath
David is now a soldier in the army

1 Samuel 18:5-7

- David is so successful that he quickly becomes the general of the army
- When they come home from battle there is a big victory parade
- David is praised as a greater warrior than Saul

Why did David have success?

1 Samuel 18:14

- the Lord was with him
- God gave him the success
- David was just a shepherd, not a trained military leader
- *If your heart is pursue God then God will give you the skill and success to do what he's called you to do

How do we respond to success whether that is the success of others or our own?

3 people that responded to David's success

1) The Crowds

- they loved him and cried out praise to him
- they really didn't know though or really care about him
- they were just riding the wave
- during Absaloms uprising the crowds would turn on him and he would have to flee the city of Jerusalem
- *be careful of fair weather friends
- *don't be a fair weather friend

2) Saul (1 Samuel 18:8-11)

- Saul was angry and jealous of David's success
- Saul was the king and David was taking his spotlight and glory

3) Jonathan (1 Samuel 18:3-4)

- Jonathan celebrated David's success
- Jonathan gave David is armor to help him be even more successful

-I hope it's obvious which of those is the correct response

*Are you a Saul or Jonathan when someone around you has success?

- Do you get jealous or celebrate with them?
- Do you try to take them down or help them to be more successful?
- What if that success in some way is hindering your success?

What about when you are the one having success?

1 Samuel 18:18

- Saul offers David his daughter in marriage
- David says he is not qualified to be son-in-law to the king
- David has been anointed king
- He is general of the army
- He's won many battles
- What more does he need to do to be worthy of the princess?
- David responds to his success with humility and gives the glory to God

*Do we respond to success with arrogance or humility and glory to God?

Romans 12:15-17

- build solid relationships where you rejoice and weep with other
- don't think too highly of yourself, be willing to associate with anyone
- always do what is honorable

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