

The Real Cost of Jealousy

“David: Up Close and Personal”

I Samuel 18:5-19:24 - 10.17.21 – East Bay Calvary

v. 5-7 - Whatever David touched turned to gold. (v. 12)

- David excelled in position (v. 5)
- David excelled in power (v. 5-7)
- David excelled in popularity (v. 6-7)

“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

Because of David’s popularity, Saul turned jealous!

Jealousy leads one down the path to...

1. **Anger. (v. 8-9)**

“Those who are green with envy will inevitably become red with anger.”

2. **Desiring ruin, harm or death on another. (v. 11, 13, 17, 20-21, 25)**

“Jealousy always finds a target at which to shoot and a reason to pull the trigger.”

3. **Opposing God’s plans. (v. 10-30)**

What Saul lost at the hand of jealousy . . .

1. His perspective (19:4-11)
2. His family (19:11-13; 20:12-13)
3. His sanity (18:10-11; 19:9-10)
4. God’s blessing and presence (18:10-12)

“Jealousy is like a boomerang: you may throw it at others, but it will ultimately come back on you.”

The remedies for the sin of jealousy:

The active presence of God’s Spirit

Tangible ways to battle jealousy:

- Love others more, love self-less
- Praise other’s accomplishments

“for one man who sincerely pities other’s misfortunes there are a thousand who sincerely hate other’s successes.”

- Agree with others as they credit the work of others

- Remember, God gets the credit – so what if others don't recognize you?
- Remember, God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble

Pride ruined Satan, it ruined Samson, it ruined Saul because it destroys us from the inside out.