

**“Back to Life, Back to Reality”**

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1 Samuel 18:1-9

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**Introduction:**

- A. We might say that the toughest \_\_\_\_\_ come just after the \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. How gracious of God to give both David and us only one \_\_\_\_\_ at a \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. I wonder how many people think that a few days after David killed the giant, he took the \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. After killing Goliath, David gained instant \_\_\_\_\_ and popularity.
- E. Very few people could take all that in stride, but David did, because he had the right kind of \_\_\_\_\_ - humble and faithful.
- F. At this point, as David’s life unfolds, four different \_\_\_\_\_ become very significant.

**I. David’s Relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ with Saul**

- A. David lived in loyal submission to his king, and what was the result? He \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. David’s Relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ with Jonathan**

- A. God knew that David was going to need an intimate \_\_\_\_\_ to walk with him through the dark \_\_\_\_\_ that lay ahead of him.
- B. Characteristics of a good friend:
  - 1. Willing to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. A loyal \_\_\_\_\_ before others.
  - 3. A constant source of \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. David’s Relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ and Exaltation with the People of Israel**

- A. This kind of adulation would be \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.

**IV. David’s Relationship of \_\_\_\_\_ with Saul**

- A. I know it’s not fair, but that’s often how it goes for those who \_\_\_\_\_ God—they do what’s right and other people don’t \_\_\_\_\_ it.
- B. Native American saying, “The \_\_\_\_\_ one looks upon the \_\_\_\_\_ and watches him destroy himself.”

**Conclusion: Lessons for Our Lives**

- A. Live \_\_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_\_ at a time (Mt. 6:34)
- B. We need good \_\_\_\_\_. (Eccl. 4:9-12)
- C. Being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is the best reaction to an enemy.
- D. Beware of the danger of \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.: A. trials, victory. B. day, time. C. throne. D. prominence. E. heart. F. relationships. I. Submission. I.A. prospered. II. Affection. II.A. friend, valley. II.B.1. sacrifice. II.B.2. defender. II.B.3. encouragement. III. Elevation. III.A. disastrous. IV. Opposition. IV.A. obey, like. IV.B. hated, hater. Concl.A. life, day. B. friends. C. positive, wise. D. envy.