



WHEN PEOPLE ARE

BIG

AND GOD IS SMALL

THE LIFE OF
KING SAUL

Your belief in God's justice will
shape how you react to
personal conflicts.

1 Samuel 18

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the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan **loved** him as his own soul. 1 Sam 18:1

- The word love is "ahab" referring to Friendship.
- The word for physical relationship is "yada" or to know, which is not used.

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- God gave David national favor. vv. 5, 16, 30
- God gave David a loving wife. v. 20

II. Where do you point your finger of blame?

A. Man would rather blame others for conflict.

- Saul sees himself as a victim. vv. 8-9

B. God requires self-examination.

- David focus on his own actions. vv. 5, 14, 15, 30

“David behaved himself more wisely.”

III. How do you respond to the person in conflict?

A. Man seeks to destroy their opponent.

- Saul throws a javelin at David 2x's. v. 11
- Saul sends David on a dangerous mission. v. 25

B. God wants us to wait for His perfect justice.

- David followed Saul's orders. vv. 5, 27
- David plays soothing music to calm Saul. v. 10
- David never retaliates.

But as for you, ye thought evil against me;
but God meant it unto good, to bring to
pass, as it is this day, to save much
people alive. Gen 50:20