

Series: The Relationship Series

Title: Toxic Relationships



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“As soon as David returned from killing Goliath, Abner brought him to Saul with the Philistine’s head still in his hand. “Tell me about your father, young man,” Saul said. And David replied, “His name is Jesse, and we live in Bethlehem.””

1 Samuel 17:57-58 NLT

<https://www.bible.com/116/1sa.17.57-58.nlt>

“After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king’s son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn’t let him return home. And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt. Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul’s officers alike. When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. This was their song: “Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!” This made Saul very angry. “What’s this?” he said. “They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they’ll be making him their king!””

1 Samuel 18:1-8 NLT

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I. You are expected _____

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1 Samuel 18:5-9 NLT

<https://www.bible.com/116/1sa.18.5-9.nlt>

II. Your _____

“Saul was then afraid of David, for the Lord was with David and had turned away from Saul.”

1 Samuel 18:12 NLT

<https://www.bible.com/116/1sa.18.12.nlt>

“When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him. **But all Israel and Judah loved David** because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle.”

1 Samuel 18:15-16 NLT

<https://www.bible.com/116/1sa.18.15-16.nlt>

III. They will _____

“Then Saul told his men to say to David, “The king really likes you, and so do we. Why don’t you accept the king’s offer and become his son-in-law?””

1 Samuel 18:22 NLT

<https://www.bible.com/116/1sa.18.22.nlt>

“Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David. But Jonathan, because of his strong affection for David, told him what his father was planning.

“Tomorrow morning,” he warned him, “you must find a hiding place out in the fields. I’ll ask my father to go out there with me, and I’ll talk to him about you. Then I’ll tell you everything I can find out.” The next morning Jonathan spoke with his father about

David, saying many good things about him. “The king must not sin against his servant David,” Jonathan said. “He’s never done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could. Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the Lord brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!” So Saul listened to Jonathan and vowed, “As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be killed.””

1 Samuel 19:1-6 NLT

<https://www.bible.com/116/1sa.19.1-6.nlt>

Answers:

1. You are expected to fail and never succeed
2. Your success will always frighten them
3. They will try to control how others see you