

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

**Study Aid for the Sermon from February 15, 2015
Blessing Under a Cursed King
1 Samuel 18:1-30**

Observing the text

What immediately precedes Jonathan's decision to become David's life long friend?

What seems to be the event that triggers Saul's jealousy and disdain for David?

Why might the attack in 1 Samuel 18:11 not be a surprise to David?

Why was Saul excited about the prospect of his daughter Michal becoming David's wife?

What causes Saul's fear to increase in 1 Samuel 18:28-29?

Applying the sermon

How does Jonathan's example encourage you to "do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit" (Philippians 2:3)?

Have you responded like King Saul to someone's success? If so, what did you do?

How can you apply David's example to difficult authority figures in your life?

In what ways have you seen God bless your life because of obeying and honoring Him?