

Higher Power

I Samuel 18:1-9, 28-30

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Victories only bring new challenges.

You will only ever hear the words “they lived happily ever after” in fairy tales. That’s because the world works different. The victories that we fight only invite us into greater challenges even as they offer greater opportunities.

What was your last great victory?

READ I SAMUEL 18:1-5

1 As soon as David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan’s life became bound up with David’s life, and Jonathan loved David as much as himself. 2 From that point forward, Saul kept David in his service and wouldn’t allow him to return to his father’s household. 3 And Jonathan and David made a covenant together because Jonathan loved David as much as himself. 4 Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his armor, as well as his sword, his bow, and his belt. 5 David went out and was successful in every mission Saul sent him to do. So Saul placed him in charge of the soldiers, and this pleased all the troops as well as Saul’s servants.

I) Commit to _____ with someone and to let someone _____ with you. (stand, stand)

THINK IT OVER

Who has stood with you in your life?

Who has loved you as themselves?

READ I SAMUEL 18:6-9

6 After David came back from killing the Philistine, and as the troops returned home, women from all of Israel's towns came out to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with tambourines, rejoicing, and musical instruments. 7 The women sang in celebration: "Saul has killed his thousands, but David has killed his tens of thousands!" 8 Saul burned with anger. This song annoyed him. "They've credited David with tens of thousands," he said, "but only credit me with thousands. What's next for him—the kingdom itself?" 9 So Saul kept a close eye on David from that point on.

2) Give your _____ away. It's your #1 job. Another one is waiting. (job)

THINK IT OVER

**What job do you have right now?
How can you give it away?**

READ I SAMUEL 18:28-30

28 When Saul knew for certain that the Lord was with David and that his daughter Michal loved him, 29 then Saul was even more afraid of David. Saul was David's enemy for the rest of his life. 30 And whenever the Philistine commanders came out for battle, David would have more success than the rest of Saul's officers, so his fame spread widely.

3) _____ people up. Celebrate others' victories. This will _____ you as well. (Build, lift)

THINK IT OVER

**Who are you unable to get along with?
Why?**