

TakeNote

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The Jealousy of Saul

— 1 Samuel 18:5-12

Part 1 of 4 in a series titled *Cautionary Tales*

Knowledge is knowing that billions of people have lived before you

Wisdom is learning from their mistakes so you don't have to make them too

The story of King Saul shows us that unchecked jealousy will unravel your life

Jealousy is the painful awareness that someone else has what you want

We do not like to talk about jealousy

...because we don't think it is an issue for us

...because we feel petty when it is an issue for us

Unchecked jealousy will unravel your life

Unchecked jealousy begins with unacknowledged jealousy

What kind of people are you jealous of?

The great lie of jealousy

"Once I get what they have I will not be jealous anymore"

You can get everything you ever wanted and still be jealous

If you play the comparison game, you will always lose

At the root of our jealousy is the thought that God has shorted us

At the root of our jealousy is the thought that God owes us

The unraveling of King Saul in six verses:

- Comparison (verse 7)
- Jealousy (verse 7)
- Anger (verse 8)
- Insecurity (verse 8)
- Obsessiveness (verse 9)
- Violence (verse 11)
- Fear (verse 12)

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We describe jealousy as a feeling that we experience

The Bible describes jealousy as a sin we commit

Jealousy is idolatry

We want his job because we want to feel significant

We want her talent because we want to valued

We want his influence because we want to be known

We want her body because we want to feel lovable

We want his income because we want to have security

We want her marriage because we want to feel intimacy

What other people have will never get you what you really need

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The antidote to jealousy is gratitude

The antidote to jealousy is worship