



SAMUEL KINGS & COVENANTS

MESSAGE NOTES & DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 8 – WHEN GOD BUILDS A NAME

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

1 Samuel 18; Matthew 5:11-12; Romans 8:28

- God's rule is _____ by _____ foes
- God's rule is _____ by _____ friends
- The God who _____ with His _____ also _____ with His _____
- God _____ His faithful ones by _____ the _____ of their _____
- The God who _____ is the God who _____

DIGGING DEEPER

1. **Read 1 Samuel 18:1–9.** How did Jonathan's actions toward David demonstrate respect for God's plan? How did Saul's jealousy reveal resistance to God's rule?
2. Why do some people celebrate when God works in someone else's life, while others become resentful?
3. Are you more like Jonathan (supporting God's work in others) or Saul (feeling threatened)?
4. **Read 1 Samuel 18:10–12.** How did God's presence with David strengthen him and unsettle Saul?
5. Where in your life have you experienced God's presence bringing courage or peace?
6. Why does the absence of God's presence bring fear or instability?
7. How can you cultivate a greater awareness of God's presence in life?
8. How do these New Testament passages connect to David's story in 1 Samuel 18?
9. What does it mean that God can take rejection and resistance and turn them into redemption and rejoicing?
10. Where is God asking you to remain faithful even in opposition?
11. How do we see God guiding and providing for David in this chapter?
12. What does this truth mean when you are uncertain about the future?
13. How can trusting God to guide change how you make decisions?
14. Where in your life do you need to lean on God's guidance and provision right now?