**1 Samuel 18-19: The Ripple Effects of Persistent Sin**

**Main Idea: Persistent sin ruins fathers**

**Observations**

**18:1-9 – Jealousy, suspicion, and ignoring Jonathan**

**18:10-11 – Attempted murder**

**18:12-16 – Fighting God**

**18:17-22 – Michal doesn’t matter either**

**18:23-30 – Killing your son-in-law**

**19:1-17 – Jonathan and Michal protect David; and the sin spreads**

**19:18-24 – The protection of the prophet and the Lord**

**Summary and Applications**

 **1. Our sin impacts others. It is not a case of “I’m not hurting anyone but me”**

* **Jon protects**
* **Michal protects**
* **Sam protects**
* **God protects**
* **Saul persists**

 **Persistent sin impacts and influences those closest to us. Later, Saul’s son**

 **runs from him and his daughter lies to him. The sin, and its impact, are**

 **spreading.**

 **2. Persistent sin divides families.**

 **3. Persistent sin blinds us. Saul…**

* **Doesn’t care about swearing to God or his son**
* **Doesn’t care about daughter’s feelings**
* **Doesn’t care about how pathetic he was in having David brought to him on his sick bed to murder him**
* **Doesn’t care about David’s innocence**

 **4. Persistent sin leads to an emotional roller coaster for us and those close to us.**

 **5. Persistent sin leads to irrational behavior. Saul tells Jonathan he won’t kill**

 **David, later does. Seeks to kill his own daughter’s husband.**

 **6. Persistent sin leads to fighting God – Saul knew David was God’s man. It’s**

 **hard to have peace when we’re in rebellion**

 **7. Saul’s sin leads him to fear. But that kind of fear is not from God - 2 Tim. 1:7**

 **8. Our family can help us see our issues. It can be painful, but also helpful.**

 **9. Saul stands as an example of manipulating our kids in line with our prejudice.**

 **Saul probably didn’t realize he was a user. He’s manipulating, not loving.**

**10. Persistent sin can create indifference to those we love. The main concern**

 **becomes “me”, not them.**

**This section is valuable. If it were not in the Scriptures, we’d still know that Saul hated David.**

**But God wants us to see how Saul uses and manipulates his children.**

**It all starts with Saul’s refusal to have a spiritual perspective and deal with issues in his life. Those issues only worsen and enslave him.**

**And, they will us, as well.**

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