

PM & PG have made the comment: "I shake the hands of people that I know have been talking bad about me"

This is a simple example about behaving wisely with people... No matter the *facts* of a situation. Its important to always consider what is best for the situation & for kingdom. In the scripture we are going to look at; David behaves wisely, even when he isn't the one at fault.

### I IT'S COMPLICATED

**A-** Life is full of complications: There are many situations where you will be confronted with things that aren't easy.

1. They're COMPLICATED; filled with all kinds of variables.
  - a. They aren't always black & white... they don't always have easy solutions.
2. Text: David is serving a king who has become jealous of him.
  - a. He's playing mind games/manipulating/moving him around
    - i. **1 Sam 18:13** *Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand*

**B-** So complicated situations can be HELPFUL to us;

1. They can reveal to us where we are really at... We have ideas about ourselves of how we would react to certain things... until we are in them...

- a. *I wouldn't do that, I wouldn't act like that, I wouldn't be so hard/light...* Till you realize: Its complicated!
2. They can bring things in us to the surface... Sometimes complicated circumstances pull out the hidden things in us
  - a. Areas maybe we thought we already worked on rise up again... or Areas we didn't realize we were weak in rise up
    - i. Anger/Un-forgiveness/Bitterness/Pride/Trust...
3. They can give us EXPERIENCE: Nobody hopes to go through stuff... But it is what gives us experience!
  - a. Working through complications can be very instructive & critical... They teach us what doesn't work & what does!

**C-** So; Heres David... A disciple in a complicated situation & the bible tells us his reaction:

1. **1 Sam 18:14** *And David behaved wisely in all his ways,* David cautiously & patiently worked through the season

### II OUR RESPONSE

**A-** So; Where many fail in the complicated circumstances life deals; They approach it all based on facts & data-

1. Text: Saul is mentally unstable/making decisions based on envy & fear...
  - a. Some would say David has a right to act/respond negatively BECAUSE!
    - i. B/c he is unfair/unstable/not right/rebellious/has an issue not me-
  - b. But that isn't what he does- He BEHAVES wisely-

**B-** So theres consequences when men respond ONLY based on data & facts-

1. They hurt Themselves: Think about this: *this event is recorded for all eternity!*
  - a. David actually helped HIMSELF by navigating the situation wisely!
    - i. He helped people to believe in him/he helped people to rally behind him/he helped his future (as king)
  - b. Too often guys hurt themselves. Ruin their own credibility.
2. They hurt Others: David saw that people would be impacted by his decisions-
  - a. **1 Sam 18:13** *made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people*
    - i. **1 Sam 18:16** *But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.*
  - b. Many times we think only of ourselves; not of everyone else- we wind up hurting other people.
3. They hurt the Kingdom: Life is always bigger than just you! How many times do people hurt the kingdom b/c...
  - a. David see's theres more involved than what I think/see/feel... How will this impact Gods will-

### III BEHAVING WISELY

**A-** The wisdom of Davids example is: He is concerned about the greater outcome & the greater good!

1. **1 Sam 18:14-15** *And David behaved wisely in all his ways-15 when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him.*

- a. This stood out to the people & to Saul. You don't have to execute revenge on everyone who crosses you-
  - i. Even if the facts justify you-
2. Part of leadership ability is being able to process some wrongs for the greater good.

**B-** Most importantly is God honors it!

1. **1 Sam 18:14** *the LORD was with him.* God was with him, God was at work for him.
  - a. God is the unseen observer in all of life. When you give people & situations to Him, He will get to work for you!
    - i. I have personally seen God turn people around in a supernatural way that I couldn't (SF/ROC- 2 people repent to me)