



So Long Insecurity

1 Samuel 18:1-13 (NIV)

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt. ⁵ Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well. ⁶ When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. ⁷ As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." ⁸ Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" ⁹ And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David. ¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹ and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice. ¹² Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had departed from Saul. ¹³ So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns.

I. Recognize the high cost of insecurity: (1 Samuel 15:22-26)

1. Insecurity can actually bring to life your greatest fears!
2. Insecurity puts a tremendous strain on any relationship.
3. Insecurity colors everything you hear.
4. Insecurity leads to greater sin. (1 Samuel 22:18-19)

II. So long insecurity:

1. Understand the difference between flattery and affirmation.

- Flattery is never enough while true affirmation breeds contentment.

2. Avoid the comparison trap.

- Comparison is the enemy of contentment. (1 Samuel 18:8-9)
- Rivalry and covetousness are the rotten fruit of the discontent.

3. Contentment is not found in what others say about you but in knowing what God says about you! (1 John 3:1; Romans 8:37)

4. Contentment is not just believing the right things about yourself but learning to declare the right things about God! (1 Peter 2:9-10)

- Hearing the right things about yourself will help you, but speaking the right things about God will transform you.