

1. Why is it risky to view David as the model of humanity? How has your view of David changed as a result of this week's scripture? Who do you look up to as an example of *real* life with God?
2. What can happen if we take credit for our life's successes? What does that convey about God?
3. What are some practical tools for suppressing envy early? How might Saul have done it? How have you done it?
4. Read Proverbs 3:11-12. Why is discipline a sign of God's love, or of a father's love? What are the ramifications of *not* disciplining a child? How ought we to respond to God's discipline?
5. Read the interaction between David and Jonathan in 1 Samuel 20. Who has been a faithful friend to you in a time of great need?
6. When have you seen God strategically remove "crutches" in order to cause you to lean on Him alone? When have you seen God meet you at rock bottom?