

#### August 14: 2 Samuel 1:1

The book of 2 Samuel starts after the rise and fall of Saul, who spends much of 1 Samuel spiraling in a series of jealous acts against David.

Describe a time in your life when you were jealous of someone else. What does it feel like to be jealous? What were the consequences of your jealousy? What do you think motivates us to jealousy?

Why does jealousy of another tend to make us fixated on what another person has or does? When we are jealous of another, what does that jealousy reveal about what we believe about God?

Take a moment and read aloud James 3:13-18.

What are the areas in your life in which you can easily become jealous? How can you guard against jealousy in those areas?

Who is one person you are tempted to be jealous of who you can actively pray for this week? Why might doing so guard you against jealousy?



Adapted from Rachel Jones' 5 Things to Pray series.

Heavenly Father, help me to walk in **INTEGRITY** 

Read Psalm 73

Tell God what you're discontented about. This psalm invites you to be honest about the ways you've "envied" those who have more stuff, better position, success, or fewer problems (v.3), or felt that living God's way is "in vain" – just not worth it (v.13). But it also invites you to realize that thinking this way is ultimately "senseless." Pray that you would see things God's way, be content with his presence, and your portion.



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### 2 Samuel 1:1 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup>After the death of Saul, when David had returned from striking down the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag.



August 14, 2022: Pastor Brent Miller

Passage: 2 Samuel 1:1 Sermon Series: 2 Samuel

**Sermon Notes** 



## TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

Whether you are meeting with someone this week or you are getting into the Word on your own, we encourage you to work through these questions as you take a deeper look at the sermon passage from this week, or as you dig deeper into the "Read the Bible in Two Years" reading plan that we are currently working through as a church.



- 1. What are 1-2 things that "shine" from this passage? Whatever impacts the most or draws attention.
- 2. What are 1-2 things that are difficult to understand in the text, or a question that you would like to ask the writer of the passage or the Lord?
- $\supset$  3. What is the central idea of the passage?
- → 4. What are 1-2 personal applications for your own life?
- → 5. With a friend: Find out what is going on in each other's lives. What has been their greatest joy this week? Greatest challenge this week and how they've handled it? What is one area each of you could pray about for each other as it relates to growing with your relationship with the Lord, a spouse, child or friend?

August Memory Verse

### 1 Samuel 16:7b

For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.