



## On the Side of Right

**Sermon Notes and Takehome**  
**1 Samuel chapters 18-20**

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1. When we're \_\_\_\_\_-focused we will use people for our own gain.
  - Saul used \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Saul used \_\_\_\_\_ and his \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We use others to meet our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ needs.
  
2. When we put people first, we'll give them what they \_\_\_\_\_, not what they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We are tempted to tell people what they want to hear.
  - Focusing on people first is usually just another way to focus on \_\_\_\_\_.

3. When we put \_\_\_\_\_ first, our relationships will be healthy, life-giving relationships.

- When we put God first, we seek the \_\_\_\_\_.
- When we put God first, we are \_\_\_\_\_ with people.
- When we put God first, we do what's \_\_\_\_\_ even when it may cost us.

### Questions for Reflection and Application:

1. In what ways are we dishonest in these relationships?

- Marriage.
- With our children.
- With friends.
- At work.
- At church.

2. Can this be healthy? Why or why not?

Recap the story in 1 Samuel chapters 18-20.

3. Kory said, "When we're self-focused, we use other people for our own gain." In what ways did King Saul do this?
4. What are some ways we are self-focused when it comes to relationships?
5. Can you think of an example of how you have used a relationship as a way to meet your emotional, physical, financial, or other needs? How did you feel about this relationship?
6. What's the difference between being "other people focused" and being "God focused" in how we interact with other?
7. Do agree that Jonathan was God-focused rather than other people (David and Saul) focused in this story? Why or why not?
8. What did Kory say is the result of each? Do you agree?
9. In what ways are we tempted to give people what they want, instead of what they need? Can this be healthy?
10. How can being "other focused" actually be just another way of being self-focused?
11. What was the cost of Jonathan's desire to know and side with truth and righteousness?
12. Share a time when you've done what's right and it's cost you in a relationship. What was the cost? How did you feel afterward?
13. Is there a relationship in your life that has an unhealthy focus right now?
14. What can you do to make it right?