



2 Samuel Introduction

There can be people in our lives that influence us in a negative way. King Saul provided David with many examples of how not to lead. David certainly learned from those negative examples. It is not a requirement that we repeat the poor manner displayed by others that influenced us in our past. In fact, the faithful man learns how to lead and how not to lead. Here are some preliminary thoughts regarding the influence of others and the leadership we are called to provide both now and in the future.

1. Some people in our lives have lacked the capacity to lead and love us in a manner we needed to be led and loved. We can learn from their mistakes and forgive them or repeat their behavior and remain embittered.
2. David transcended Saul's poor leadership and showed respect for Saul's office rather than Saul himself.
3. Some of the greatest lessons in life are learned and internalized when we remain under someone else's authority.
4. You and I are called to be good stewards of every situation regardless of whether we like it or not.
5. Let's see how David leads after seeing Saul's example. Let's look for similarities and differences in leadership style, motivation and results.

Let's journal our way through each weekly video starting with 2 Samuel 1 as we each seek to become even more faithful as men, husbands, sons, brothers, friends and children of the One True God, Jesus Christ.