

# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## David - Part 3 - The position of power

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### Introduction

Saul was anointed by the Lord to lead His people, Israel. However, when Saul decided not to listen and to obey God's instructions, the Lord rejected Saul as king (1 Samuel 15). The Lord then instructed Samuel to anoint David to become the new king. After David defeated Goliath, Saul became afraid of David and David remained as Saul enemy for the rest of his days. Saul, who was once anointed and filled by the Spirit of the Lord, was blinded by the power and influence given to him. What is it that we can learn from the difference between Saul and David?

### Read:

1 Samuel 18:1-30

### Discuss

1. If you were to have the same power and influence of a king, what would you do? How would you use it?
2. Considering how he used to be very fond of David (1 Samuel 16:21), why did Saul become afraid of David?
3. Read 1 Samuel 23:1-5. Why did David inquire of the Lord twice? What is the significant difference between Saul's and David's battle strategy?
4. Ps. Sam teaches that power and influence gets into our heads naturally. Can you think of another Biblical story where power and influence take place? How have you been using this power and influence?
5. We all have different social domains placed strategically by God. What is it like to be lead by or to be around you? What hinders us from using power and influence for the better?
6. How can we become a better and wiser conduit of power and influence?

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**Respond**

God gives us power and influence. No matter the size of our power and the reach of our influence, we need to use them for others around us. When we misuse this power and influence, it will not be long until God takes it away from us - and potentially giving it to someone else, who might appear small and unpromising, but has bigger heart and greater obedience.

What is one step of obedience you can do this week to exhibit a better use of your power and influence? Commit to do it.