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Week 5

"When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet king Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with the tambourines and lutes. As they danced they sang, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David."  
[1 Samuel 18:6-9]

**1. We've got to deal with offense**

"Offense builds a fence between you and me."

"Offense builds a cage around me."

"Offense builds a barrier between us and God."

"Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense."  
[Proverbs 19:11 (ESV)]

**2. We've got to avoid comparison**

As Christian people if we can't celebrate with people who are doing well, there's something wrong with us not them!

The fastest way to kill something special is to compare it with something else.

"Peter and the other disciple started out for the tomb. They were both running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first...then Simon Peter arrived."

[John 20:3-6]

"When you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don't want to go."

[John 21:18]

"Peter asked Jesus, "What about him, Lord?"

[John 21:21]

"And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David."

[1 Samuel 18:9]

### **3. We've got to stay focused on gratitude & our race**

"And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us."

[Hebrews 12:1]