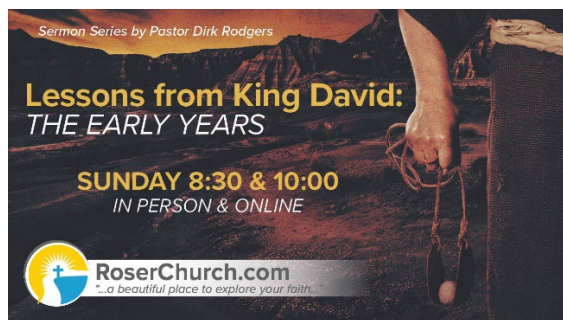




Today's Topic:

Time for a New Challenge

1 Samuel 18:12-15

January 28, 2024

1. Losing Track of _____

"In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns." 1 Samuel 18:14-15 (NIV, 2011)

2. Losing Track of _____

"Saul said to David, 'Here is my older daughter Merab. I will give her to you in marriage; only serve me bravely and fight the battles of the LORD.' For Saul said to himself, 'I will not raise a hand against him. Let the Philistines do that!'" 1 Samuel 18:17 (NIV, 2011)

3. Losing Track of _____

"When Saul realized that the LORD was with David and that his daughter Michal loved David, Saul became still more afraid of him, and he remained his enemy the rest of his days." 1 Samuel 18:28-29 (NIV, 2011)

4. Keeping Track of _____

"The Philistine commanders continued to go out to battle, and as often as they did, David met with more success than the rest of Saul's officers, and his name became well known." 1 Samuel 18:30 (NIV, 2011)

The Point:

Next Steps: Which _____ ?

Discussion Questions:

1. Describe a time in your life when you realized that you were seriously off-track. What did that experience feel like?
2. In what sense did Saul lose track of his true purpose as a leader of God's people? What was the cost of his lostness?
3. What would you say is God's purpose for your life? For our life together as a church?
4. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?