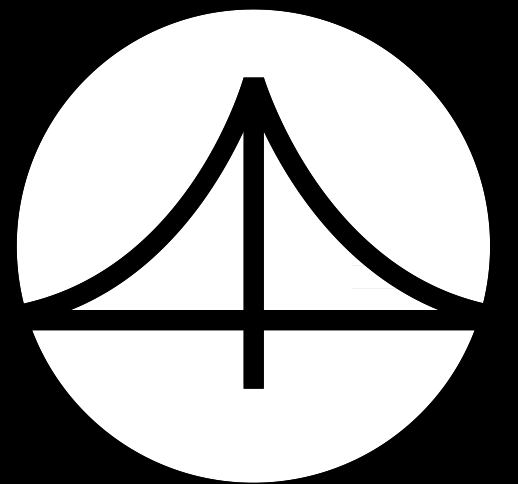


David's Relationships: Michal

1 Samuel 18:17-29; 19:11-17; 25: 40-44

2 Samuel 3:12-16; 6:16-23



**Healthy marriages require companionship,
forgiveness, and commitment.**

- **Companionship**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Commitment**
- **Getting these Things**

Companionship

- David and Michal's relationship seems unbalanced from the start
- Despite David's seemingly good reasons for leaving Michal behind, the space between them drives a wedge in their marriage

Forgiveness

- Michal suffers a lot and has a hard life
- Rather than forgive, she lets her hurt build into bitterness and resentment, which she uses to lash out against her husband
- All marriages involve hurt, and for a marriage to be healthy, forgiveness is necessary

Commitment

- Lack of commitment led to the end of the relationship between David and Michal
- The inevitable end of a marriage without commitment: the relationship ceases to exist
- Commitment forces you to get creative, work through hard issues, and grow, both as individuals and as a couple

Getting These Things

- Step 1: Recognize that the ingredients of a healthy marriage don't come naturally
- Step 2: Experience Jesus' spousal love for you
- A spouse is a great gift from God, but a spouse is a terrible god