

*current sermon series*

# BATTLING UNBELIEF

The background of the image is a close-up, high-angle shot of a medieval knight. The knight is wearing chainmail armor and a surcoat. They are holding a sword in their right hand, which is positioned diagonally across the frame. A shield is visible on the left side, partially obscured by the sword. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the textures of the metal and fabric. The overall tone is serious and historical.

# 1 Samuel 18:1-3

1 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

# 1 Samuel 18:4-5

4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. 5 And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

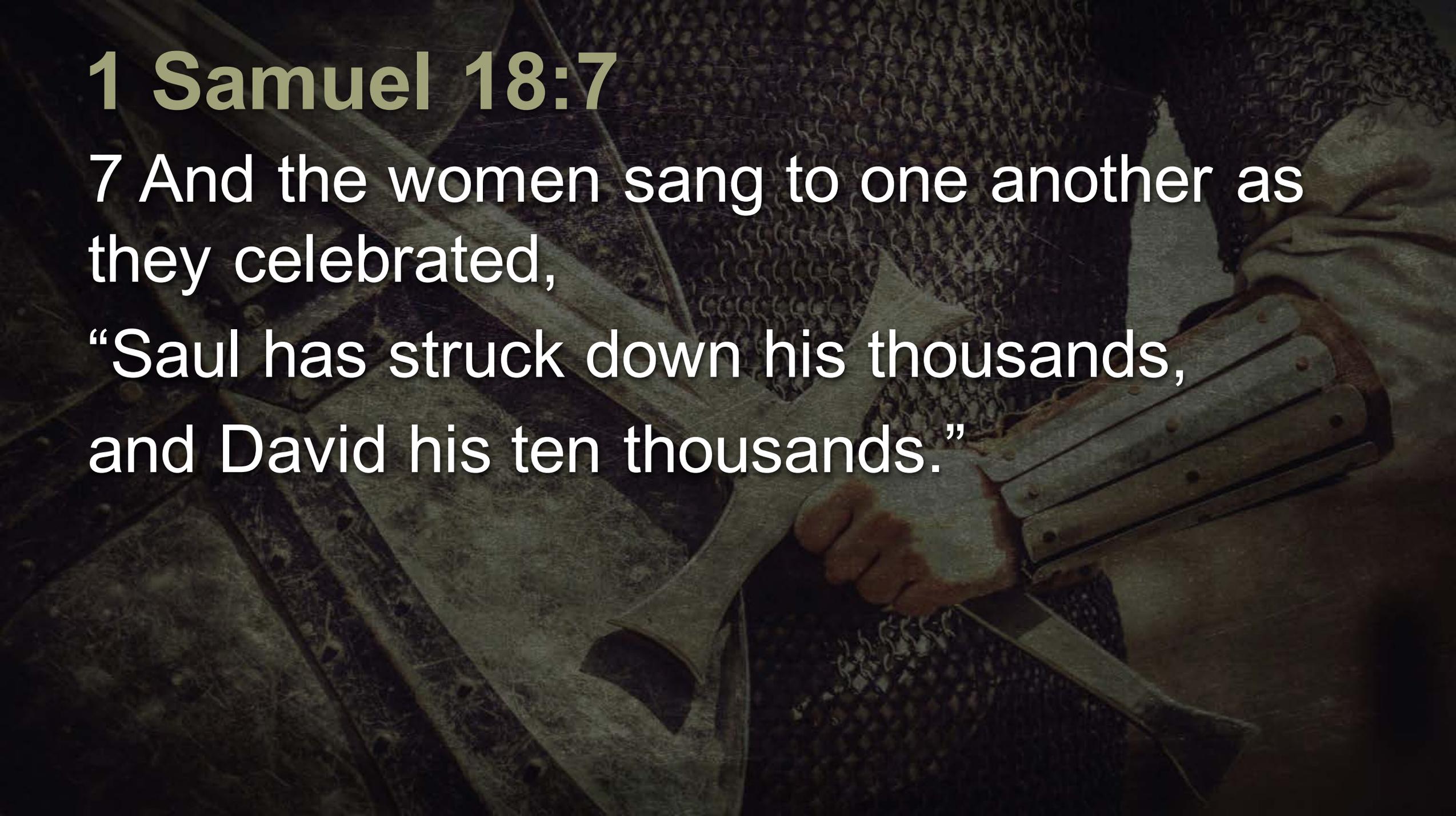
# 1 Samuel 18:6

6 As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments.

# 1 Samuel 18:7

7 And the women sang to one another as they celebrated,

“Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands.”



# 1 Samuel 18:8-9

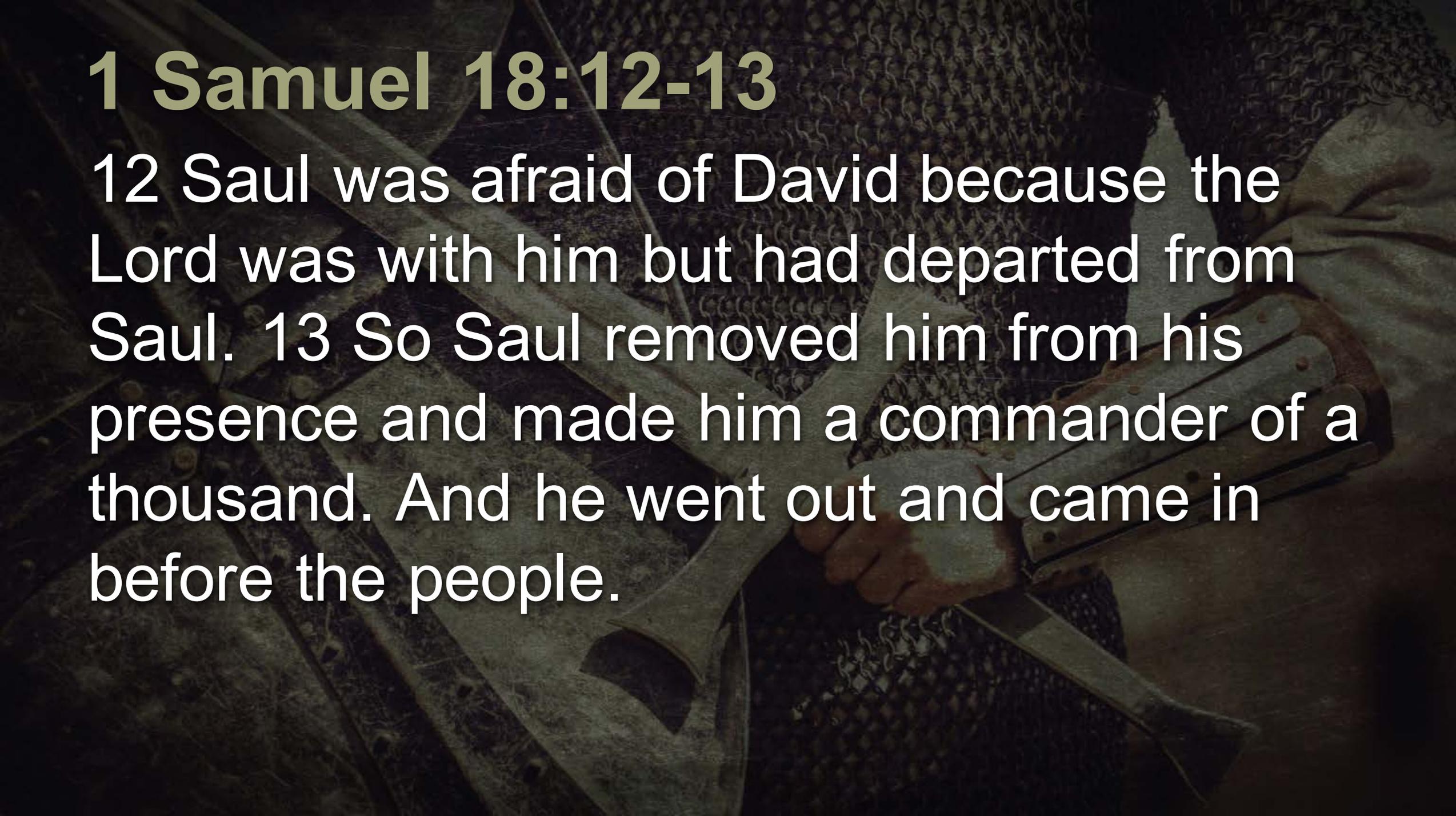
8 And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him. He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?" 9 And Saul eyed David from that day on.

# 1 Samuel 18:10-11

10 The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. 11 And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.

# 1 Samuel 18:12-13

12 Saul was afraid of David because the Lord was with him but had departed from Saul. 13 So Saul removed him from his presence and made him a commander of a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people.

A person wearing chainmail armor and a helmet is shown from the chest up, holding a sword. The background is dark and textured, suggesting a battlefield or a cave.

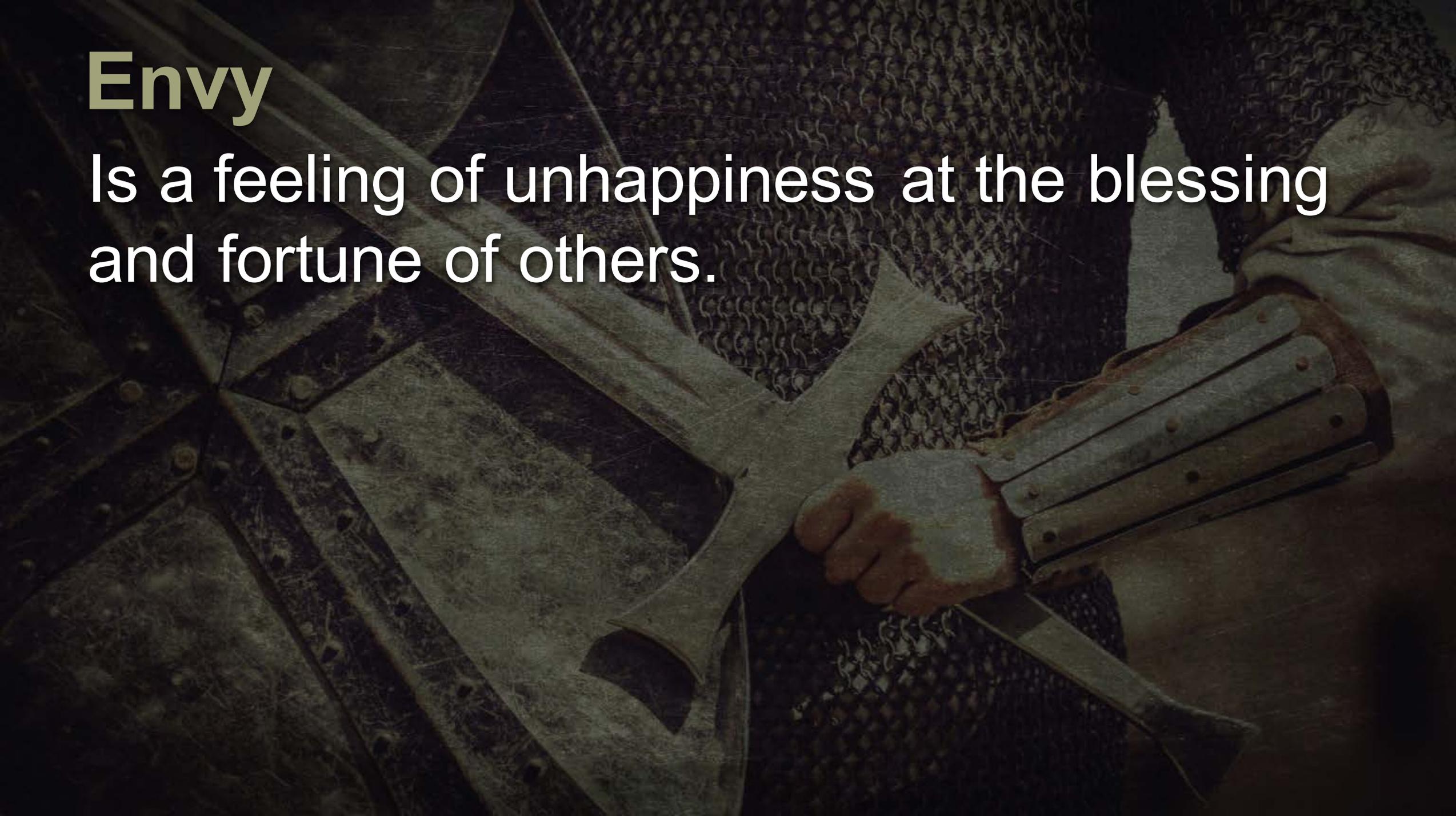
# 1 Samuel 18:14-16

14 And David had success in all his undertakings, for the Lord was with him.

15 And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him.

16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.

# Envy



Is a feeling of unhappiness at the blessing and fortune of others.

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