

STANDING IN STEP—OR IN THE WAY

1 Samuel 18:1–19:17

In 1 Samuel 18–19, as God advances his plans and purposes by raising up David as king, people begin to respond. Some—like Jonathan, Michal, and the people—recognize what God is doing and align themselves with it in trust and loyalty. Others—like Saul—resist, attempting to control, manipulate, and oppose what God has clearly set in motion. The result is striking: alignment leads to participation in God’s work and blessing, while resistance leads to fear, frustration, and instability. This passage confronts God’s people with the same reality today. God is still at work—saving the lost, sanctifying his people, and building his church. The question is not whether God is advancing his purposes, but whether we are aligned with them. Will we stand in step with God—or stand in his way?

The Pattern Set

18:1–5

The Pattern Intensified

18:6–30

The Pattern Confirmed

19:1–17

Align With What God Is Advancing!