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1 Samuel 18:28-29

“And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul’s daughter, loved him. And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David’s enemy continually.” 1 Samuel 18:28-29

Are you are a professing Christian? People are watching you. Some are watching you because they are hoping for evidence that what you believe is genuine – because they need help themselves. Others may be watching your life anticipating your failures so that they can be relieved of the burden of the conviction of heart they feel. It is by grace alone that we can show forth the goodness of God. Most often we’re not even aware that someone is examining our lives, let alone that God somehow can reveal Himself to others through our feeble example or witness! “Now thanks be unto God, who always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other, the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?” (2 Corinthians 2:14-16)

We may answer the apostle emphatically – there is only One who is sufficient for these things! Jesus Christ in us! Jesus Christ living out His life through us! Jesus Christ giving us strength to be both witness and example. Jesus Christ loving both the one who is hungry for the things of God and the one who hates God – and Christ doing all of this through us!

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