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**Series: “Potential-2-Purpose—Kingdom Men In Motion!” – Part 2**

**TODAY’S SCRIPTURES:** 1 Samuel 18:1–4; 19:1–7; 23:15–18

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

**“Who’s In & Who’s Out—The Company You Keep: David, Jonathan, and the Power of Covenant Friendship”**

**1 Samuel 18:1–4; 19:1–7; 23:15–18 (New Living Translation/NLT):**

**18** After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king’s son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. <sup>2</sup> From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn’t let him return home. <sup>3</sup> And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. <sup>4</sup> Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

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## 1 Samuel 19 New Living Translation **Saul Tries to Kill David**

**19** Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David. But Jonathan, because of his strong affection for David, <sup>2</sup> told him what his father was planning. “Tomorrow morning,” he warned him, “you must find a hiding place out in the fields. <sup>3</sup> I’ll ask my father to go out there with me, and I’ll talk to him about you. Then I’ll tell you everything I can find out.”

<sup>4</sup> The next morning Jonathan spoke with his father about David, saying many good things about him. “The king must not sin against his servant David,” Jonathan said. “He’s never done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could. <sup>5</sup> Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the Lord brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!”

<sup>6</sup> So Saul listened to Jonathan and vowed, “As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be killed.”

<sup>7</sup> Afterward Jonathan called David and told him what had happened. Then he brought David to Saul, and David served in the court as before.

## 1 Samuel 23 New Living Translation **David Protects the Town of Keilah**

### **23 David Hides in the Wilderness**

<sup>13</sup> So David and his men—about 600 of them now—left Keilah and began roaming the countryside. Word soon reached Saul that David had escaped, so he didn't go to Keilah after all. <sup>14</sup> David now stayed in the strongholds of the wilderness and in the hill country of Ziph. Saul hunted him day after day, but God didn't let Saul find him.

<sup>15</sup> One day near Horesh, David received the news that Saul was on the way to Ziph to search for him and kill him.

***<sup>16</sup> Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God.***

<sup>17</sup> “Don't be afraid,” Jonathan reassured him. “My father will never find you! You are going to be the king of Israel, and I will be next to you, as my father, Saul, is well aware.” <sup>18</sup> So the two of them renewed their solemn pact before the Lord. Then Jonathan returned home, while David stayed at Horesh.

<sup>19</sup> But now the men of Ziph went to Saul in Gibeah and betrayed David to him. “We know where David is hiding,” they said. “He is in the strongholds of Horesh on the hill of Hakilah, which is in the southern part of Jeshimon. <sup>20</sup> Come down whenever you’re ready, O king, and we will catch him and hand him over to you!”

<sup>21</sup> “The Lord bless you,” Saul said. “At last someone is concerned about me! <sup>22</sup> Go and check again to be sure of where he is staying and who has seen him there, for I know that he is very crafty. <sup>23</sup> Discover his hiding places, and come back when you are sure. Then I’ll go with you. And if he is in the area at all, I’ll track him down, even if I have to search every hiding place in Judah!”

### ***MENS MONTH SERIES BACKGROUND***

#### **“Potential-2-Purpose—Kingdom Men In Motion!”**

This Men’s Emphasis Sermon Series Is From The Theme: *Potential-to-Purpose: Kingdom Men In Motion*. It will explore how God speaks to men through the lives of Gideon, Nehemiah, David and Jonathan, and Peter. Each week will address real areas of life including habits, relationships, friendship, finances, leadership, and future. Join us as we discover how God moves men from fear

and failure into discipline, brotherhood, restoration, and purpose.

- **Potential-to-Purpose:** Men Moving with God
- **Kingdom Men In Motion:** Hearing God, Building Purpose
- **Built for More:** A Journey from Fear to Faithful Purpose
- **Men on Mission:** From Survival to Spiritual Purpose
- **Restored and Rising:** A Series for Men Walking in Purpose
- **Called Forward:** God's Voice for Men in Every Season

***LESSONS FROM THE LIVES OF DAVID &  
JONATHAN***

***KEY RELATIONSHIP INSIGHT:***

***The Right Relationships Protect Your POTENTIAL  
& YOU'RE YOUR PURPOSE—BUT—The Wrong  
Relationships Destroy Your POTENTIAL &  
PURPOSE!***

***1. “The Relationship Between David & Jonathan Began With Recognition.”***

***2. “Jonathan Saw God’s Hand On David And Responded Generosity Instead Of Jealousy.”***

***3. “Jonathan’s Covenant Shows That Godly Friendship Is Rooted In Humility And Surrender To The Purposes Of God.”***

***4. “Jonathan Demonstrated That Real Friendship Is Sacrificial...He Risked Standing With Saul In Order To Protect David—He Spoke Up—Intervened—And Remained Loyal.”***

***5. “In 1 Samuel 23:16—David’s True Soul Friend—Jonathan—helped David find strength in God.”***

## ***C O N C L U S I O N***

***This Word Today should broaden the conversation beyond friendship into relationships overall!***

The qualities seen in Jonathan—honor, truth, sacrifice, encouragement, and consistency—should

also shape how we treat spouses—significant  
others—children—sisters-in-Christ—brothers-in-  
Christ—mentors—AND—more—BECAUSE—A  
man’s relationships either reinforce your  
POTENTIAL & PURPOSE—OR—drain it!