

David: Life Lessons

Week 3 – Covenant Loyalty
(1 Samuel 20:1-42)

OPENING QUESTION

Will you remain faithful when loyalty becomes **costly**?

KEY VERSE

“Go in the assurance the two of us pledged in the name of the LORD when we said, ‘The LORD will be a witness between you and me and between my offspring and your offspring forever.’” -1 Samuel 20:42

THE STORY UNFOLDS

1. David seeks the truth, and Jonathan **commits to help him** (1 Samuel 20:1-4).

Life Lesson: Covenant loyalty does not **ignore danger**.

2. Jonathan makes a covenant with the house of David **before the Lord** (1 Samuel 20:5-17).

Life lesson: True loyalty is governed by **faithfulness to the Lord**, not by self-interest or personal advantage.

3. Jonathan makes **a wise plan** to discover Saul’s intention (1 Samuel 20:18-23).

Life Lesson: Covenant loyalty is not **reckless**; it acts with **wisdom**.

4. Saul’s anger exposes both his hatred of David and the **cost of Jonathan’s faithfulness** (1 Samuel 20:24-34).

Life Lesson: Faithfulness to the Lord may cost us **comfort, approval, or personal safety**.

5. Jonathan **keeps his word** when loyalty becomes **costly** (1 Samuel 20:35–40).

Life Lesson: Covenant loyalty is more than sincere words; **It faithfully carries out** what it has promised.

6. David and Jonathan part in grief but remain bound by covenant before the Lord (1 Samuel 20: 41-42).

Life Lesson: True loyalty **remains faithful** even when relationships are **marked by grief** and circumstances force people apart.

THE STORY UNFOLDS

What is true?

Covenant loyalty remains **faithful before the Lord**, even when the loyalty becomes costly. It asks not merely, “What is best for me?” but “What is faithful to the Lord, and what have I promised before Him?”

What should we do?

Tell the truth, **keep your commitments**, and choose **faithfulness** over self-preservation.

GOSPEL CONNECTION

Jonathan’s loyalty **preserved David for a time**.

But Jesus’ covenantal love **saves sinners forever**.

Jonathan **risked his future** for David.

But Jesus **gave his life** for His people.

APPLICATION

1. Submit your **loyalties to the Lord**.
2. Keep your word **even when it costs you**.
3. Love sacrificially, **not selfishly**.

Jonathan kept his covenant even when it cost him his father’s approval, his safety, and his place in the kingdom. His loyalty was not self-serving; it was sacrificial.

CLOSING TRUTH

Because covenant loyalty is faithfulness before the Lord, God’s people should **honor the Lord**, **keep their commitments**, and **act sacrificially**, even when faithfulness costs them.