

1 Samuel Chapter 20: Goodbye with No Regrets

1 Samuel Chapter 19 Review

- **Saul blatantly seeks David's life**
- **Jonathan intervenes** with **wise** words toward Saul (Don't sin) and **kind** words about David (He is innocent)
- **Blessed are the peacemakers** for they are the sons of God
- Our words can heal or hurt...they are powerful
- Saul and his men are **overcome by the Spirit** of God
- **Speaking the truth in love** is our calling
- **Speaking the Word of God** is our privilege as we see lives change

1 Samuel 20

People in our lives...What if it might be the last time you see them? It might be!

1Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said to Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin before your father, that he is seeking my life?" 2He said to him, "Far from it, you shall not die. Behold, **my father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me.** So why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so!"

- Jonathan **thought** he permanently fixed the problem, but Saul did not tell Jonathan about his last "rage in the midst"
- Saul now **stopped confiding** in his son though his son who told him the truth (If you kill David, it is sin)
- **Today:** Common to seek poor advice

2 Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will **accumulate** for themselves teachers [counselors] in **accordance to their own desires...**

- **Accumulate** friends that speak the truth in love...and listen
- A friend that always tells you what you **want** to hear is not a friend
- A friend is one that prays and tells you what you **need** to hear
- How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **Tell the TRUTH**

- Saul stopped listening to truth

3Yet David vowed again, saying, "Your father knows well that I have found **favor in your sight**, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, or he will be grieved ' But truly as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is **hardly a step between me and death.**"

- **David:** Your dad **knows** your allegiance to me & **wants me dead**

4Then Jonathan said to David, "**Whatever you say**, I will do for you."
5So David said to Jonathan, "Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I ought to sit down to eat with the king But let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third evening. 6"If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlehem his city, because it is the yearly sacrifice there for the whole family.' 7"If he says, '**It is good,**' your servant will be **safe**; but if he is **very angry**, know that he has **decided on evil.**
8"Therefore deal **kindly with your servant**, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is iniquity in me, put me to death yourself; for why then should you bring me to your father?"

- **Jonathan to David:** "Whatever you say"
- **David to Jonathan:** "Deal kindly with your **servant**"
- Mutual respect and submission
- How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **RESPECT**

Ephesians 5:19 (Read)...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21and **be subject [submit]to one another in the fear of Christ.**

- Jesus washed the disciples feet (John 13)

Philippians 2: 3 (Read) Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind **regard one another as more important than yourselves**; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7but **emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to

the point of death, even death on a cross.

- Mutual respect combined with genuine love
- Hearing and following these verses will **eliminate unforgiveness** and bitterness
- Allowing us to say goodbye with no regrets

9Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I should indeed learn that evil has been decided by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you about it?" 10Then David said to Jonathan, "**Who will tell me** if your father answers you harshly?" 11Jonathan said to David, "Come, and let us go out into the field." So both of them went out to the field.

- **Paraphrase:** If you come and tell me your father will kill you, so what's the plan?

12Then Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there is **good feeling** toward David, shall I not then send to you and make it known to you? 13"If it pleases my father to do you **harm**, may the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety And **may the LORD be with you** as He has been with my father. 14"If I am still alive, will you not show me the **lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die?** 15"You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD **cuts off every one of the enemies of David** from the face of the earth."

- Whatever happens, I will tell you
- May the LORD be with you...Jonathan blesses David
- **...that I May not die...** (common to kill potential throne claimants)
- **...Lord cuts off** everyone of David's enemies...implication: My dad's actions will bring about judgment...his death!
- Jonathan knew the loving-kindness of the Lord and he expected it from David (show me v.14)
- How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **Expect the best**

1 Corinthians 13: 7 [Love] bears all things, believes all things, **hopes all things**, endures all things.

- Expect and encourage growth in others

16So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD require it at the hands of David's enemies." 17Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because he loved him **as he loved his own life.**

- Vow again?
- I'm giving up everything as I trust your Word

Matthew 19:27 (Read) Then Peter said to Him, "Behold, **we have left everything and followed You; what then will there be for us?"** And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29"And **everyone** who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive **many times as much, and will inherit eternal life.**

- The church is our brothers, sister. **Mutual property. Eternal life!**
- Linda's boat: rope cut but finding ground on the rock
- Carpet removal/Renovation
- The Boy's Plan...

18Then Jonathan said to him, "Tomorrow is the **new moon**, and you will be missed because your seat will be empty. 19"When you have stayed for three days, you shall go down quickly and come to the place where you **hid yourself on that eventful day**, and you shall remain by the stone Ezel. 20"I will shoot three arrows to the side, as though I shot at a target. 21"And behold, I will send the lad, saying, 'Go, find the arrows.' If I specifically say to the lad, 'Behold, the arrows are **on this side of** you, get them,' then come; **for there is safety** for you and no harm, as the LORD lives. 22"But if I say to the youth, 'Behold, the arrows are **beyond you,**' **go**, for the **LORD has sent you away.** 23"As **for the agreement** of which you and I have spoken, behold, the LORD is between you and me forever."

- **New Moon:** Festival where normal work stops
- **"...where you hid...":** When Michal helped him escape
- **Side:** Everything is okay / **Beyond:** Leave now
- **Remember our agreement:** Jonathan may be a little nervous, or has **seen how power corrupts** in his dad

24So David hid in the field; and when the new moon came, the king

sat down to eat food. 25The king sat on his seat as usual, the seat by the wall; then Jonathan rose up and **Abner** sat down by Saul's side, but David's place was empty. 26Nevertheless Saul did not speak anything that day, for he thought, "It is an accident, **he is not clean**, surely he is not clean." 27It came about the next day, the second day of the new moon, that David's place was empty; so Saul said to Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of Jesse not come to the meal, either yesterday or today?" 28Jonathan then answered Saul, "David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Bethlehem, 29for he said, 'Please let me go, since our family has a sacrifice in the city, and my brother has commanded me to attend. And now, if I have found favor in your sight, please let me get away that I may see my brothers.' **For this reason** he has not come to the king's table."

- **Abner:** Saul's right hand man (military)
- **Not clean:** Ceremonially unclean (touched something dead etc.)
- Jonathan give his explanation...Saul doesn't buy it

30Then **Saul's anger burned against Jonathan** and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse **to your own shame** and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? 31"For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for he must surely die." 32But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "**Why should he be put to death? What has he done?**"

- **Saul seemed ready** for this!
- Saul is **perplexed** at Jonathans lack of enthusiasm to be king
- Jonathan understands that it is **God raising David** up
- Saul will try like the devil to usurp God's plan and both will fail!
- Jonathan tries wisdom but Saul is too far gone
- Years later a wise Pharisee knew that he could not stop the apostles if they were truly from God...**this is the advice he gave to the other Pharisees...**

Acts 5:38 "So in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action is **of men, it will be overthrown; 39 but if it is of God**, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found **fighting against God.**"

- Jesus told Pilot what was really up

John 19:10 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You

not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11Jesus answered, "**You would have no authority** over Me, unless it had been given you from above;

- Authority comes from God Himself!

Psalm 75 (Read)

4"I said to the boastful, 'Do not boast,' And to the wicked, 'Do not lift up the horn; 5 Do not lift up your horn on high, Do not speak with insolent pride.'" 6For not from the east, nor from the west, Nor from the desert comes exaltation; **7But God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another.**

- Jonathan understood what Saul refused to ...God is God and we are not
- Jonathan knew David was chosen over his father
- How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **Speak well of them even when they are not there**

33Then Saul hurled his spear at him **to strike him down**; so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death. 34Then Jonathan arose from the table **in fierce anger**, and did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved over David because **his father had dishonored him.**

- Jonathan felt David's dishonoring

Psalms 69:9 and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.

- David as **type of Christ** was being insulted, dishonored
- Jonathan a **picture of believers** is insulted. Professors?
- **Body of Christ:** One hurts, we all hurt

35Now it came about in the morning that Jonathan went out into the field for the appointment with David, and a little lad was with him. 36He said to his lad, "Run, find now the arrows which I am about to shoot." As the lad was running, he shot an arrow past him. 37When the lad reached the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan called after the lad and said, "Is not the arrow **beyond you?**" 38And Jonathan called after the lad, "**Hurry, be quick**, do not stay!" And Jonathan's lad picked up the arrow and came to his master.

39But the lad was not aware of anything; **only Jonathan and David knew** about the matter. 40Then Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad and said to him, "Go, bring them to the city."

- **Beyond you:** Run, Hurry quick, do not stay (Code)
- He sent the boy away

41When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and **fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times** And they **kissed each other and wept together**, but **David wept the more**.

42Jonathan said to David, "**Go in safety**, inasmuch as we have sworn to each other in the name of the LORD, saying, '**The LORD will be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever.**'" Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city.

- **David bowed and Jonathan:** "Go in safety"
- The LORD will be between us: When I see you, I see the LORD
- How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **Put the LORD between you!** (They will see each other briefly just one more time)

CONCLUSION:

How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **Tell the TRUTH**

- Pray before giving advice to serious questions
- Be truthful with people...always

How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **RESPECT People**

- Treat others as more important than yourself
- Humble yourself before everyone

How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **Expect the best**

- "You always do this" is out
- I know with God's help you can have victory

How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **Speak well people even when they are not there**

- Even if everyone is not...speak well!

How can we prepare for saying goodbye? **Put the LORD between you!**

- See the LORD in people, for we are all created in His image and...
- We all have the sin residue of Adam, so be kind to everyone
- If they do not have the LORD...Share!...put Him between you!

Be ready to say goodbye with no regrets. If there are past regrets...start now!