

Good Friends

Jonathon

7.14.24

I Samuel 18:1-2 When David had finished speaking with Saul, Jonathan was bound to David in close friendship,^[a] and loved him as much as he loved himself. ² Saul kept David with him from that day on and did not let him return to his father's house.

I. Who was Jonathan?

Jonathon was a.....

A. Warrior!

I Sam 14:

¹² The men of the garrison called to Jonathan and his armor-bearer. "Come on up, and we'll teach you a lesson!" they said.

"Follow me," Jonathan told his armor-bearer, "for the LORD has handed them over to Israel." ¹³ Jonathan climbed up using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer behind him. Jonathan cut them down, and his armor-bearer followed and finished them off.

B. friend to David!

II Sam 1: ¹¹ Then David took hold of his clothes and tore them, and all the men with him did the same. ¹² They mourned, wept, and fasted until the evening for those who died by the sword—for Saul, his son Jonathan, the LORD's people, and the house of Israel.

C. Imperfect!

I Sam 20:2 Jonathan said to him, "No, you won't die. Listen, my father doesn't do anything, great or small, without telling me. So why would he hide this matter from me? This can't be true."

II. What can we learn from Jonathon?

A real friend will be

A. Sacrificial

19:4⁴ Jonathan spoke well of David to his father, Saul. He said to him, "The king should not sin against his servant David. He hasn't sinned against you; in fact, his actions have been a great advantage to you. ⁵ He took his life in his hands when he struck down the Philistine, and the LORD brought about a great victory for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced, so why would you sin against innocent blood by killing David for no reason?"

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B. Honest (Even if it hurts)

19:1 Saul ordered his son Jonathan and all his servants to kill David. But Saul's son Jonathan liked David very much, ² so he told him, "My father, Saul, intends to kill you. Be on your guard in the morning and hide in a secret place and stay there.

C. An Encourager!

23:16 Then Saul's son Jonathan came to David in Horesh and encouraged him in his faith^a in God,

**Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpens iron,
and one person sharpens another**

E. Connected by Faith

I Sam 14:6⁶ Jonathan said to the attendant who carried his weapons, "Come on, let's cross over to the garrison of these uncircumcised men. Perhaps the LORD will help us. Nothing can keep the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few."

III. What does this mean to us?

A. We need a Jonathon in our life!

Proverbs 18:24 (NIV) There are "friends" who destroy each other,
but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

B. We need to be more like Jonathan.

I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers and sisters. The one who does not love remains in death.

I John 1:7 If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Close

Proverbs 17:17

¹⁷ A friend is always loyal,
and a brother is born to help in time of need.