

Weekend Message Questions

Under Pressure

2/20-21/21

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing. Remind everyone they can give to storm relief efforts by visiting hopefellowship.net/give or texting “storm” to 84321.

REVIEW:

- Week 1: Walking in Relational Pain
 - Relational Pain Triangle
 - Putting God in the center
- Week 2: Walking in Relational Patience
 - Patience means perspective
 - God can use my pain for good

Walking In Relational Purpose

READ: 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 2 Samuel 1:26

DISCUSS: Jonathan was supposed to be the next king. Though he had more reason to hate David than anyone else, he chose to pursue a deep friendship with David instead.

- Who are people in your life that have hurt you in some way (ex: maybe they did something to you, said or didn't say something about you, or got something you wanted instead of you)? In what ways has something like this created relational wedges with those around you?
- How do you think Jonathon was able to have a perspective that allowed him to pursue a friendship with David? How do you think he was able to find purpose in the pain of his situation?

READ: 1 Samuel 20:30-31

DISCUSS: Saul wants to take control of things no matter what.

- When the pressure of a situation begins getting to you, how do you tend to cope? What do you find yourself turning to for comfort or some sense of peace? In what ways do you try to take control of your circumstances?
- Jonathan appears to have peace and freedom amidst this situation. What do you think he knows that allows him to live this way?

READ: 1 Samuel 20:13-17

DISCUSS: Jonathan's freedom from his circumstances comes from his recognition of and surrender to the fact that God has chosen David to be the king. Jonathan put *the* King above himself being king.

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- *Consider the current pressures of life you are experiencing.* What do you think God might have for you within it? Might he want something different for you than what you currently want? How do you think He would want you to respond to this?
- *Consider Jesus's character.* In what ways did his life, death and resurrection display humility? In what ways does He display power, mercy, justice and grace?
- Do you believe God's character can be trusted? What would have to change for you to put all your confidence in His character instead of your own plans and aspirations?

PRAY: "Father, none of this takes you by surprise. I trust you. I accept your choice for me."

DIY: Reflect on the following: How can I more fully surrender to God's will for my life this week?

Can you use prayer? <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>