

Be Real in Your Relationships

I Samuel 19:1-7

David and Jonathan's friendship is renowned in the Bible as the premier friendship.

"What most people really want is to be listened to, respected, and understood." - John Maxwell

Proverbs 17:17 *A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.*

"Never is a friendship dearer than when a friend becomes an advocate in a Crisis."

"This was a battlefield on which David didn't know how to fight."

He was a guest in the palace.

1 Samuel 18:2 *And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.* (Saul's gesture of hospitality obligated David and made him feel bound by the rules of etiquette.)

Saul was God's anointed.

1 Samuel 26:11 *The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.*

I. A relationship has the potential to protect one from danger. (V.1-2)

1 Samuel 19:1 *And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.*

A. There is the prevention a relationship can give in a warning.

1 Samuel 19:2 *But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee.*

Proverbs 25:11 *A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.*

Why was Jonathan's advice so vital for David?

- ◆ Because David was so engulfed by the atmosphere of the palace and the grandeur of Saul, he might have hesitated.
- ◆ Because David was loyal to a fault, he might have stayed out of loyalty even at the risk of his own life.
- ◆ Because in times of personal crisis where weighted issues are involved, it is difficult to see clearly.
- ◆ Because when you are attacked by an influential person of Saul's magnitude it can cause you to devalue yourself.

B. There is the perspective a relationship can give in wisdom.

1 Samuel 19:2 . . . *now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself.*

II. A relationship has the potential to provide diplomacy. (V.3-5)

"A friend can say something that you personally cannot say. To say it yourself would make you look like a braggart. At the same time, they are using their collateral to affirm who you are."

David's intro to Saul:

1 Samuel 16:18 *Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.*

1 Samuel 19:3 *And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.*

A. There is the advocacy a relationship can provide.

1 Samuel 19:4 *And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good.*

B. There is the advantage a relationship can provide.

Jonathan's Admiration for David

1 Samuel 19:5 *For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?*

“Jonathan spoke candidly with his dad. David could have never spoken of himself in that way.”

“Is it not amazing how confident we are when we believe in what we're saying?”

III. A relationship has the potential to prevent destruction. (V.6-7)

Profound Truth:

If David died Jonathan would automatically advance to being King.

- A. A relationship has the ability to reverse a judgment in our lives.

1 Samuel 19:6 *And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.*

- B. A relationship has the ability to restore justice in our lives.

1 Samuel 19:7 *And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.*

“To find a friend who has the same values, the same vision, the same heart and passion as you do is not to be taken lightly. It is not to be confused with liking someone or enjoying the same things in life.

What David and Jonathan enjoyed was a ‘divine flow’ of enjoying the same heart for God.”

- Floyd McClund

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