

# David, Christ & You

## David and Jonathan

- 1st Samuel 19 & 20
- Summary of Story:
  - Saul wants to kill David
  - Jonathan loves David
    - A guy loving another guy?
    - Nothing strange here...
    - These are REAL men...
    - David killed a bear and a lion with his bare hands...
    - He went up against Goliath with little more than a sling and faith...
    - “Saul has killed his thousands, and David his tens of thousands...”
    - And Jonathan...
    - 1st Samuel 14:13 - “And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him. And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men...”
    - These were REAL men...
    - Brave men...

- Men brave enough to actually show their affection for one another...
- And smart enough to realize the value of loving another...
- The value of true friendship...
- What the meaning of Brother really is...
- Matthew 22:37-40 - “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”
- The love that Jonathan felt for David is the kind of love that we should feel for one another...
- But, we are too afraid to...
- Jonathan wants to save David’s Life
  - Obey your parents... Or do what is right?
- Jonathan tells David to hide, and he convinces his father not to kill him
  - Not only NOT kill David, but actually help him to live
  - Helping others not to sin...
  - His father was doing wrong... Jonathan tries to prevent it...
- Saul goes crazy again, and tries to kill David himself
- Saul sends assassins to try to kill David
- David escapes
- David is innocent of any crime, but is hunted for his life
  - 1st Samuel 20:1 - “And David... said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?”
- Jonathan and David were to go to a feast with Saul at the New Moon

- Jonathan tells David to hide in the field, and he will test the waters
- What happens next is often lost in the translation...
- Jonathan acknowledges David's Kingship
  - Giving up his own right to the kingdom...
  - 1st Samuel 20:12-17 - "And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee; The LORD do so and much more to Jonathan..."
    - Jonathan swears before God, that if Saul is NOT mad at David, and Jonathan fails to come tell David... (Thereby putting David in disfavor with the king)... Jonathan swears to God to strike him down if he were to cheat David like that...
- “... but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.”
  - And if Saul IS mad at David, then Jonathan tells David to go in peace, and may God bless him with the Kingdom, just as he has blessed his father...
- Jonathan makes a covenant with David for his family's blessing and protection
  - 1st Samuel 20:14-17 - "And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not: But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies. And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul."
- Jonathan finds out that Saul is still after David
- He warns David with the three arrows, and the young lad...

- 1st Samuel 20:41 - “And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.
- The King bows himself to the one who abdicated the throne for him...
- David leaves and they only ever see each other one more time...
- Who is the one that is like Christ in this story?
  - Both of them!
- We’re seeing not just David as an example of Christ... But ALSO his friend Jonathan as an example of Christ!
  - They both act with righteousness...
  - Jonathan loves David
    - Jonathan has every reason NOT to like David...
    - Jonathan is the King’s Son, and heir to the throne...
    - Along comes this man, who is obviously next in line...
    - For the same reasons that Saul felt challenged, Jonathan could have felt just as challenged
    - But, instead he loved David
    - He gave up his own desires for the desires of God...
    - John 13:1 - “Now before the feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.”
- Jonathan saves David’s Life by convincing his father not to kill him

- 2nd Timothy 1:7-10 - “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:”
  
- Jonathan not only NOT KILLS David, but actually saves his life
  
- Jesus could have lived a life of peace and kindness, and not hurt anyone...
  - But, he actually gives of himself to SAVE us...
  
- Jonathan clearly endangers his life by doing this...
  - Jesus was killed for his efforts to save us, when really it was US that deserved to die...
  
- David is innocent of any crime, but is hunted for his life
  - Jesus was ruthlessly pursued and murdered... and he was innocent of any wrong.
  - Matthew 27:3-4 - “Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood...”
  
- Jonathan acknowledges David’s Kingship and pledges allegiance to him
  - This has GOT to be the hardest thing that Jonathan ever does...
  - To give up your right to kingship...
  - Jonathan knows that this is God’s will...
  - The story of Samuel’s anointing of David would have been well known in Israel

- Matthew 26:39 - “And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”
- Jesus faced this same trial, this same temptation...
- Matthew 26:50-54 - “... Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus and took him. And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?”
- The temptation for Jesus to take control of the world, and set himself up as the “King of the World” would have been great...
- He knew clearly what God’s will and desire was, but he had the ability to make himself King if he wanted to...
- Like Jonathan, he allows God’s will to rule instead...
- Jonathan makes a covenant with David for his family’s blessing and protection
  - Luke 23:42 - “And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.”
- David bows himself to Jonathan and they embrace
  - Matthew 25:34 - “Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”
  - Jesus embraces God’s will after he submits himself to it...
- Is it just as easy to see yourself?
- You as Jonathan / David
  - Do you have a friend like Jonathan?
  - More importantly, are you a friend like Jonathan?

- Are you willing to love another guy?
- Are you ready to accept the value of a true friend?
- Do you want to save the lives of your friends?
- What are you willing to do to save the life of a friend?
- Give up your own inheritance?
- Put yourself in an uncomfortable position?
- Like Jesus, do you LOVE God's Will in your life???
- Are you happy with it?
- Are you satisfied with it?
- Do your own personal desires and will conflict with what God wants?
- Jonathan acknowledges David's Kingship...
  - Jonathan gave up his own birthright
  - Do we acknowledge someone else as our King?
  - Are we too concerned about our own rights, to abdicate?
  - Can we submit ourself to our Lord?
- Jonathan not only NOT KILLS David, but actually saves his life.
  - Do we just NOT DO what is wrong, or do we actually DO what is right?
  - Ephesians 4:28 - "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
  - Our will is often opposite to God's will...
  - But, there is a huge difference between doing what is the opposite of our will, and actually doing what is God's will...
- If we DO follow God's will, we may be hunted ourselves...

- Luke 21:12 - “But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake.”
  
- Or, what if you are just hunted for no good reason?
  - How do you act when you are innocent and still persecuted?
  
- Acknowledging God’s sovereignty over us is essential to our salvation...
  - Do we think of ourselves as servants? Slaves? Subjects?
  - Or do we subject God to fit our lives?
  - Giving up our selfish lives to serve God is the hardest thing we’ll do...