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Program for Sunday, October 18, 2026.

Please welcome the worship music team this week!

Call to Worship: *Good God Almighty*
At Your Name

Announcements for Sunday 10/18/2026

Thanks for joining our Worship Service this Sunday

- **The Pool is closed for the season.** Rodney and Bobby installed the cover yesterday, and prepared the pool for the fall/ winter.
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Adoration *Come Jesus Come*

Scripture Reading from selected verses; 1 Samuel 18, 19, 20

Message: *Saul, Jonathan, David*

Affirmation: *Thrive*

Close of Worship Service, Fellowship continues

Chapter 18 Jonathan and David

18:1 Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.

3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

4 Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

7 The women sang as they played, and said,

“Saul has slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands.”

8 Then Saul became very angry, for this saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?”

9 Saul looked at David with suspicion from that day on.

Saul Turns against David

12 Now Saul was afraid of David, for the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul.

21 Saul thought, “I will give her to him that she may become a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him.” Therefore Saul said to David, “For a second time you may be my son-in-law today.”

28 When Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul’s daughter, loved him,

Chapter 19 David Protected from Saul

19:1 Now Saul told Jonathan his son and all his servants to put David to death. But Jonathan, Saul’s son, greatly delighted in David.

4 Then Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you.

6 Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, “As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death.”

10 Saul tried to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away out of Saul’s presence, so that he stuck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.

12 So Michal let David down through a window, and he went out and fled and escaped.

18 Now David fled and escaped and came to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

23 He proceeded there to Naioth in Ramah; and the Spirit of God came upon him also, so that he went along prophesying continually until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 He also stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

Chapter 20 David and Jonathan Covenant

20:1 Then 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?"

3 Yet 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."

17 Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because he loved him as he loved his own life.

Saul Is Angry with Jonathan

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."

32 But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?"

33 Then Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him down; so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death.

41 When 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.

42 Jonathan 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."

Devotional: Psalm 18:1 "I love You, O Lord, my strength."

2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

1 Samuel 16: The LORD rejects Saul, appoints David

- The LORD sends Samuel to anoint a new king (16:1-5)
- God rejects Jesse's older sons (16:6-10)
- David is chosen and anointed (16:11-13)

- The Spirit departs from Saul (16:14-16)
- David enters Saul's service (16:23)

Theological truths:

1. God is sovereign in electing and installing His king.
2. God evaluates the heart.
3. The conditions of leadership: Character over image.
4. The Spirit's presence, empowerment, and departure.
5. God is sovereign over evil and over suffering.
6. God's Providence in ordinary means.
7. Faith is demonstrated in obedience that moves through fear.
8. Connections to Jesus Christ:

Bethlehem. The Anointed One.

The Shepherd-King. The true heart.

Overlooked, Despised. The Lion of Judah.

Summary: David, a man after God's heart (Acts 13:21-22)

Conclusion (16:1-23)

- **First, the LORD sends.**
 - He sees, provides, and calls His servants out of their grief and fear into obedience.
- **Second, God rejects.**
 - He does not look at what we look at; He sees the heart, and He is not fooled.
- **Third, David is chosen and anointed.**
 - God's election is free and sovereign, and He gives His Spirit to those He calls.
- **Fourth, the Spirit departs from Saul.**
 - Position without the Spirit, and reputation without the heart, end in emptiness.
- **Fifth, David is brought into the court.**
 - God's providence works through ordinary means to fulfill His promise.

What does the LORD see when He looks at you?

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, God sees the heart of His Son.

- What is the standard by which we are evaluating our leaders?
- Can we resist the parts of our culture that are dominated by image management?
- Can we encourage the overlooked?
- Can we look to God as we moved from grief to obedience?
- Can we obey God even when we are afraid?

- If we were to ask God to search our heart today (Psalm 139:23-24) what would He see?

1 Samuel 18: David's rise breeds Saul's jealousy

- Jonathan's covenant love for David (18:1,3-4).
 - Jonathan Loves David. Knitting is a binding of life to life.
 - Robe and military gear are the marks of a prince (public surrender / recognition of status).
 - Jonathan sees in David what Saul refuses to see: The LORD is with David.
- Saul's jealousy begins (18:7-9).
 - They sing praise over the victory. Saul hears a verdict.
 - What more can he have but the kingdom? Saul has already heard from Samuel. Saul has not repented.
 - Saul looks at David with suspicion from that day on.

A heart resisting God produces jealousy when the blessings of God rest on someone else.

- Saul attempts to destroy David (18:10-12, 21).
 - While David is in the house of Saul, Saul is tormented and throws a spear at David.
 - The reason for the fear of Saul (v12) The LORD is with David and the LORD has departed from Saul.
 - When force fails, Saul turns to manipulation. Saul will give Michal to David that she may become a "snare" to him. Saul uses his daughter and marriage as an instrument of assassination. The scheme fails.
 - Saul is even more afraid, and became David's enemy continually.
 - Saul's response is not to yield but to harden. Knowing is not the same things as submitting. When have we seen this before?

A heart full of fear when estranged from God can be the fruit of seeing the favor of God on another.

1 Samuel 19: Saul's hostility, David's narrow escapes.

- Jonathan's Intercession Secures a Reprieve (19:1, 4, 6)
 - Saul's hostility becomes a public order. Jonathan and the servants are to put David to death.
 - Jonathan warns David. Jonathan speaks well about David to Saul.
 - Saul listens and swears, "As the LORD lives, he shall not be put to death.
 - The oath is sworn in the name of the LORD and only holds for 2 verses.

- There is renewed violence in Saul's house.
 - Chapter 18 repeats (David's victory, Saul tormented, the spear, David slips away).
- Michal's deception saves David's life (19:12).
 - Saul's messengers are set to watch David's house and kill him in the morning.
 - Michal lets him down through a window. She uses a household idol to deceive Saul's men.

God works through imperfect people and ordinary means to preserve His purposes.

- David's flight to Samuel, Spirit's unexpected work (19:18, 23-24).
 - Saul sends 3 companies of messengers. They are halted; prophesying.
 - Saul goes himself, and the Spirit of God comes upon him.
 - "Is Saul also among the prophets"
 - Bracket: Saul's anointing, now Saul's humiliation.

Divine intervention: The LORD restrains king Saul.

1 Samuel 20: Saul rages, Jonathan covenants with David.

- David's appeal (What is my iniquity), plan to test Saul (20:1, 3, 17)
- Jonathan cannot believe that his father really wants to kill David.
- Test: go home for New Moon festival (family commitment).
- Jonathan makes David vow again with the LORD as witness.
- Saul rages, exposes his rejection of David (20:31-33).
 - This is not zeal for righteousness, it is fear of losing a throne.
 - Jonathan asks, what has David done. Saul's response is a thrown spear.
- The final farewell and renewed oath (20:41-42).
 - Emotional parting. Vows with the LORD as witness.

Unrepented sin does not stay contained. Saul's resentment towards David now becomes resentment towards his son.

The Story: compare and contrast

- Responding to God's chosen king:
 - Saul responds with wounded pride (18:8,9), fear (18:12), manipulation (18:21), murder attempts (19:1, 10), to a rage that turns on his own son.
 - Jonathan responds with covenant love (18:1-4), costly intercession (19:4), loyalty that surrenders his own claim and asks for mercy on his house (20:14-17, 42).
- The LORD is ever present in the narrative:

- The LORD is with David (18:12, 28)
- The LORD restrains Saul's messengers and Saul at Naioth (19:23-24).
- The LORD is invoked as the witness Who will stand between the descendants of two friends forever (20:42).
- All of those point to David's greater Son.

Theological Implications:

1. God is sovereign as seen in the preservation of His anointed.
2. Jealousy can be evidence of spiritual corruption.
3. Covenant love is a costly loyalty to the purposes of God.
4. The Spirit has a restraining power over those who resist Him.
5. There is a difference between temporary remorse and repentance.
6. Covenant mercy outlives its makers.
7. This is a foreshadowing of the rejected and vindicated King.

Takeaways:

- Bring envy/ jealousy to light early. Ask honestly what is rising in you and why. Confess it and ask the Holy Spirit for a heart that can rejoice in what God is doing in others.
- Do not mistake pressured promises for repentance. Ask God for the deeper change that outlasts the moment. Invite accountability for additional resolve.
- Teach/ influence others to celebrate other's success.
- Cultivate leadership character in others that are like Jonathan who make room for those whom God is raising up.
- Find opportunities to find your Jonathan or be a Jonathan for others.
- When dealing with ungodly opposition, or persecution, trust the God Who preserved David through every scheme. Keep doing the next right thing/ step and seek out the faithful friend who will stand with you.

You are not alone. God is with you! MDC wants to help. We are here for you.

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