

## **7-23-2025 – Journey with King David – Week 3**

David's life: 1 Samuel 16 – 1 Kings 2. **David & Goliath. David & Jonathan.**

They show us what best friends truly are. Story in 1 Sam. 16-18

Our journey started in **Bethlehem. Valley of Elah/Goliath.**

This part of David's life is in **Gibeah**, where King Saul lived; the Palace.

Goliath has been killed, Saul calls for David.

**1 Sam. 18 [NLT]** – “After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. <sup>2</sup> From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. <sup>3</sup> And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. <sup>4</sup> Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

**Immediate friends.** You just get each other. Drawn. Can't explain it.

- Feels like you've known each other . . . it's comfortable, easy.
- We may develop friendship, but it's **different**. . . **immediate bond**.

**Pact & gifts.** – Implies Jonathan is giving up his claim to the throne.

**True Friend** – sees destiny in us. Sees goodness. Greatness.

**Loved as himself.** **Matt. 22:39** – the second greatest commandment –  
“Love your neighbor as yourself.”

Saul sends David on missions. Succeeds! But this is **where it all goes wrong**.

“Saul has killed his thousands & David his ten thousands! <sup>8</sup> This made Saul very angry.”  
– 1 Sam. 18:7-8

Never doubt the damage **jealousy** can do.

Destroy relationship. Devastate self-worth. Path destruction.

**We must get over ourselves. Praises to others aren't put downs.**

<sup>9</sup> So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. <sup>10</sup> The very next day a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave in his house like a madman. David was playing the harp, as he did each day. But Saul had a spear in his hand, <sup>11</sup> and he suddenly hurled it at David, intending to pin him to the wall. But David escaped him twice. <sup>12</sup> Saul was then afraid of David, for the LORD was with David and had turned away from Saul.”

Note – **Attempt #1.** But . . . David still serves Saul; Saul sends him away...

Makes him commander over 1,000 men. Military battles & campaigns

“<sup>14</sup> David continued to succeed in everything he did, for the LORD was with him. <sup>15</sup> When Saul recognized this, he became even more afraid of him. <sup>16</sup> But all Israel and Judah loved David because he was so successful at leading his troops into battle.”

- Our **jealousy** doesn't keep someone from succeeding; only hurts us.  
Keep in mind – **success** may be b/c **God is with them**.

Saul - promise to marry daughter – Merab; David Qs - family good enough to marry the king's daughter? . . . – Saul gave Merab to another man.

- Meanwhile, **Michal** falls in love with David. **Second chance/promise.**
- Saul devises a plan – Michal is a snare.

I won't kill him, let someone else do it. (Sound familiar?) Bathsheba.

- “How can a poor man from a humble family afford the bride price for the daughter of a king?” <sup>24</sup> When Saul's men reported this back to the king, <sup>25</sup> he told them, “Tell David that all I want for the bride price is 100 Philistine foreskins! Vengeance on my enemies is all I really want.” But what Saul had in mind was that David would be killed in the fight. <sup>26</sup> David was delighted to accept the offer. Before the time limit expired, <sup>27</sup> he and his men went out and killed 200 Philistines. Then David fulfilled the king's requirement by presenting all their foreskins to him. So Saul gave his daughter Michal to David to be his wife. <sup>28</sup> When Saul realized that the Lord was with David and how much his daughter Michal loved him, <sup>29</sup> Saul became even more afraid of him, and he remained David's enemy for the rest of his life.

Saul now has **2 reasons** for jealousy – Michal loves him & God's on his side.

- **Ch. 19 [NIV]** Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to **kill David**. But Jonathan had taken a great liking to David <sup>2</sup> and warned him, “My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. <sup>3</sup> I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out.”
- <sup>4</sup> Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. <sup>5</sup> He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine.

The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

- <sup>6</sup> Saul listened to Jonathan and **took this oath**: "As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death." <sup>7</sup> So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.

**Battle Plan #2 & order to kill #3.** But **look at what friendship** does.

- Jonathan **speaks up** on David's behalf. **True friend tells the truth.**
- True friend **stands up for us.** Not two-faced. Got his back.

Saul's oath won't last. **Again**, while David's playing the harp for Saul, he tries to **pin him to the wall w/ a spear.** **Attempt # 4.** David escapes, goes home.

- Michal warns him, run for your life tonight or tomorrow you die.
- Saul's men are watching, so Michal has David escape down thru a window. He flees - she puts a figure in bed - says David is ill.
  - o **Saul says go get him**, bring him to me. Trick is discovered.
  - o Saul now questions why Michael deceived him. **Attempt #5**

David goes to Prophet Samuel, who takes him to **Naioth**.

Saul hears, sends troops Naioth – but crazy events – 3x prophesying.

- <sup>23</sup> But on the way to Naioth in Ramah the Spirit of God came even upon Saul, and he, too, began to prophesy all the way to Naioth! <sup>24</sup> He tore off his clothes and lay naked on the ground all day and all night, prophesying in the presence of Samuel. The people who were watching exclaimed, "What? Is even Saul a prophet?"

▪ **Never doubt God can protect you.**

**David leaves Naioth, goes to Jonathan in Gibeah.** **What have I done? Why?**

- When life is confusing, hurting, questioning ... u need a best friend.
- You need someone on your side. Tell/truth.

**Ch. 20** – Jonathan & David. Jonathan holds on to Saul's oath.

<sup>3</sup> Then David took an oath before Jonathan and said, "Your father knows perfectly well about our friendship, so he has said to himself, 'I won't tell Jonathan—why should I hurt

him?’ But I swear to you that I am only a step away from death! I swear it by the LORD and by your own soul!”

- **Devise plan:** New Moon feast – anger or not? **Show me loyalty.**

<sup>12</sup> Then Jonathan told David, “I promise by the LORD, the God of Israel, that by this time tomorrow, or the next day at the latest, I will talk to my father and let you know at once how he feels about you. If he speaks favorably about you, I will let you know. <sup>13</sup> But if he is angry and wants you killed, may the LORD strike me and even kill me if I don’t warn you so you can escape and live. May the LORD be with you as he used to be with my father. <sup>14</sup> And may you treat me with the faithful love of the LORD as long as I live. But if I die, <sup>15</sup> treat my family with this faithful love, even when the LORD destroys all your enemies from the face of the earth.” <sup>16</sup> So Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, <sup>[a]</sup> saying, “May the Lord destroy all your enemies!” <sup>17</sup> And Jonathan made David reaffirm his vow of friendship again, for Jonathan loved David as he loved himself.

- **How to know?** Field – Boy - 3 arrows - Side/ok. **Beyond/u must go.**

**1<sup>st</sup> night of feast, ok. But not the 2<sup>nd</sup> night:**

<sup>30</sup> Saul’s anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, “You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don’t I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? <sup>31</sup> As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send someone to bring him to me, for he must die!” <sup>32</sup> “Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. <sup>33</sup> But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

**Jonathan gets away. Grieving – doesn’t eat. Next morning – out to the field.**

**Shoots 3 arrows beyond the boy, then sends him back to town.**

<sup>41</sup> After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most. <sup>42</sup> Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

**Friendship is important. Just might save your life.**

**John 15:13** – “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” - **Jonathan put his life on the line for David.**

**Good friends don't come along every day. True friends are rare.**

But understand – they made efforts for each other.

- **Willing to go out into the field . . .** Actively selflessly.
  - We need friends like that. We need to BE friends like that.

**Prov. 18:24** – “there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

Never forget that Jesus is that friend.

And that Jesus wants us to love each other as He loves us.