

## DAVID – SHAPING A SHEPHERD PART 4

### I SAMUEL 18-20

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#### INTRODUCTION

- David is now a young man.
- God drops another guy into his life that deeply impacts David and imparts God's heart into him.
- Jonathan was likely considerably older, was royalty and rich. David was a shepherd and poor.

#### I. HONORING FRIENDS

- I Samuel 18:1-4, "...the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. ... <sup>3</sup>Then Jonathan made a covenant with David... <sup>4</sup>Jonathan stripped himself of the robe...and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt."
- Why is it so hard for all of us to put others ahead of ourselves?
- We gain so much when we honor others.
- Jonathan gives his life and his stuff to David.
- Jonathan wasn't afraid to express his affection for David by honoring him.
- II Samuel 1:25, "...I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; you have been very pleasant to me..."

#### II. TWO HEARTS AFTER GOD

- A friendship made in heaven is one that has life-giving possibilities.
- What made this friendship work was their hearts.
- Both loved God and honored others.
- Both were willing to put the other ahead of themselves; huge value and honor here!
- Jonathan is a huge picture of Jesus, sacrificing His place for David. Pushing David ahead of himself.
- I Samuel 23:16-18, "And Jonathan...encouraged him in God..."

#### III. PAYING THE PRICE TO DO THE RIGHT THING

- This is tough to do in friendships, in marriage, in life, in giving, being generous with yourself in honoring others.
- Most of us retreat here. Jonathan didn't.
- The Word says, "The Lord departed from Saul."
- But his son Jonathan didn't.
- He was principled, and loyal and he believed beyond himself.
- That the Lord would work out His will in His time.
- Conflicts like these await us all if we are committed to Him.
- There are events that leave us both sad and scared but God uses them to temper and change us.
- I Samuel 20:41-42, "...<sup>42</sup>Jonathan said to David, "Go in safety... 'The Lord will be between me and you, and between my descendants and your descendants forever.'"

#### IV. LETTING FEAR RULE

- This begins an eight-to-fifteen-year journey in the desert.
- Alone, afraid, rejected.
- David, like all humans, had flaws.
- David makes some decisions here that not only hurt him but hurt those around him.
- I Samuel 21:1-2 - Ahimelech is afraid seeing David alone. David lies.
- David is scared and he lied, driven by fear.
- Because he doubted God was there to help him.

#### V. BAD DECISIONS CREATE BAD CONSEQUENCES

- Saul promises wealth for any who would turn David in.
- Doeg sees David with Ahimelech the priest - Vss. 22:8-19
- Vss. 16-19 - Saul slays the priests.
- David's bad decision cost many people their lives and families.

#### CLOSE

- God intervenes in your mistakes.
- Don't take control.
- God is saying will you trust me?