1 Samuel 20:18-42 (2/2/2025)

SERMON D	ISCUSSION:	How were yo	ou imp	acted by	the serr	mon? What	new th	oughts or	
lessons did y	you discover?	In what way	s did y	ou find y	ourself o	challenged	and/or	encourage	ed?

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1.	We know, from 1 Samuel 18:1-4, that David and Jonathan had a very meaningful
	friendship where "serving the Lord" was central. Have you ever had a friendship like
	that—with someone who shared your commitment to the Lord and strengthened you in
	your faith? Could you share a little bit about that friendship with the group?

2. Talk a little bit about how Jonathan is both "loyal" to David and "honoring" to his father, Saul. Some people might just attribute this to Jonathan being a person of virtue... or a "people pleaser". But how is God honored in Jonathan's devotion to David and his honoring of his father?

- 3. In **Verses 30-31**, we see (hear) Saul's true concerns regarding Jonathan—what Saul values most and why he so resents David. Talk about the difference between Saul and Jonathan in their responses to these concerns.
 - Have you ever feared that God's will might result in you losing or "missing out" on something that you desired or valued highly? Can you share something about this?

4.	Re-Read Verses 41-42 Why do you think it is David who bows to the ground before Jonathan? Or that it is emphasized that David wept the most? What is he expressing?
5.	Similar to last week Reflecting on Philippians 2:5-8 , How do we see Jesus being pictured in Jonathan? And how does David's response to Jonathan help shape our response to Jesus in our own lives?