

“Closer Than A Brother”
1 Samuel 20:18-42
Sunday, February 2, 2025

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The Friendship between David and Jonathan...

Beginning of **Chapter 18**—Jonathan declares his devotion to David
End of **Chapter 20**, Jonathan and David re-state their commitment to their friendship

Proverbs 18:24

...[T]here is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Our Need for Friendship...

Made in the Image of God... Father, Son, Holy Spirit

Creation (**Genesis**)... rhythm (cadence)... God created... it was good...
But then in Genesis 2, it was “not good”... (man to be alone)
God’s “remedy” for that was Companionship (Intimacy, Friendship)

Something more... (The “Key” is Jonathan)

1 Samuel 18:1-4

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

Jonathan gave up his right to the throne... **WHY?**

1 Samuel 20:42

Then Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, ‘The LORD shall be between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring, forever.’”

1 Samuel 20:31

“For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established. Therefore send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die.”

Why the mention of “Offspring”?

“The Son of David”

Jonathan foreshadowing Jesus...

David’s Response...

1 Samuel 20:41

And as soon as the boy had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap and fell on his face to the ground and bowed three times. And they kissed one another and wept with one another, David weeping the most.

Covenant Renewal...

The Lord’s Supper as “Covenant Renewal”

1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Philippians 2:6-11

...[T]hough he was in very nature God, he did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.