



David: A study on his life.

Part 5 Post Giant Killing: What Happens Next?

One of the best things that God does for us is to keep us from knowing what will happen beyond today. Sometimes we get little insights, but never the full picture.

All the things we do not need to worry about because we never knew they were coming our way.

After killing Goliath and saving Israel, you would expect (in the natural) for him to be appointed king and everybody lived happily ever after!!

Wrong: David went from the high to the low. Remember our hero Elijah, how after such a great victory at mount Carmel. The patter begins to repeat itself here and will probably repeat in our lives as well.

David an overnight celebrity, hero taken into the king's court; took it all in his stride.

It's a god job that God did not tell David all that was coming his way.

Relationships:

David's life from here unfolds with different relationships emerging.

1. Submission to Saul.
2. Affection with Saul's son Jonathan.
3. Elevation and Exaltation with the people of Israel.
4. Opposition with Saul that lasted for year after year.

Let's look at some of these as God begins to shape David for great things to come.

Look at the following verses

1 Sam 18:2& 5 Read

David went through some big changes very quickly in his life. What were they and how did he respond?

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David managed the situation and himself very well. Four times in this chapter it records that David Prospered.

David served God in the sheepfold and here we see him serving God in Saul's kingdom. I don't think David saw a difference.

In these scriptures we see two out of the four relationships mentioned earlier. The one with submission to Saul and the one he had with people. They would both soon change.

The Relationship I would like us to really focus on tonight is the one that would not change. It was as binding and complete the day it began and would not be broken.

Proverbs 18:4

Write out this scripture:

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Sticketh: Cling too, Follow Close, Be Joined.

1 Sam 18:1,3 Read

Who was David's friend and what brought them together?

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How many friends like this do you have?

Most people would have one maybe two in their lifetime.

God knew that David would need an intimate friend to walk with him through the valley that was ahead of him. God knows that we need one as well.

What does a friend do?

1. An intimate friend is willing to sacrifice.

1 Sam 18:4 Read

What did Jonathan give to David?

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Jonathan wanted to give David something that belonged to him, something special. Friends do that. Friends are not stingy with their possessions. **Could you do that?**

Between now and next week, find something you cherish and bring it to give to someone.

1 Sam 20:4 Read

What else do we see that Jonathan did for David?

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"whatever your soul desires I will do for you"

Unselfish, someone who doesn't see the requirements as an imposition.

2. An intimate friend is a loyal defence before others.

1 Sam 19:4-5 Read

How did Jonathan defend and show his loyalty toward David?

NB: By this time, Saul was not only the king, he was Jonathan's father and he had determined himself to be David's enemy. (20:31)

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True loyalty from Jonathan; no pettiness, no jealousy, no envy.

As Saul's son, Jonathan might have thought that he was heir to the throne. Wanting the praise, the glory and the power that went with that title.

Yet he understood the way things were meant to be. He must have had a great understanding of God's purpose which was far more important than his or any others.

Jonathan stood against his own father who was ready to take his friends life.

3. Intimate Friends give each other the freedom to be themselves.

When your soul is knitted together with someone else, you don't need to explain why you do what you do; you just do it!!

1 Sam 20:41 Read

What do you see happening here? You will need to read Ch 20:1-40

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Parting of Friends:

When your heart is broken you can bleed all over a friend and he will understand. He will not comfort you in misery or share three verses of scripture and tell you to get on with it.

(Remember Elijah under the tree: God left him rest)

When a good friend is hurting, let them hurt. If they want to weep, let them weep. If they want to complain, listen and both be yourselves

4. Intimate friend is a constant source of encouragement.

1 Sam 23:15-16 Read

David was in the wilderness of Ziph hiding in a wood. In fear for his life.

Ziph: Refining place.

When you are in a desperate place running for your life, you need to have a friend that will come and find you. David wrote Psalm 54 at this time.

Psalm 54 Read

Friends will always turn up at the right time with the right words.

Maybe Jonathan turned up between verses 3 and 4.

How would you fill the gap and encourage your friend?

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What a friend we have in Jesus. Always turns up the right place at the right time with the right words.