

The Book Of 1 Samuel

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

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Lesson 38 A Good Friend

So many wonderful and helpful truths here in these first two verses

1 Samuel Chapter 20.

Let's you and I take our time and soak in these truths

In today's lesson we come back to David's good friend Jonathan. *How far will a true friend go for you?*

So far, we have seen God using David's wife to protect him. God used a supernatural act of HIS HOLY SPIRIT to change the intentions of killers.

Now we will see the depth of this friendship between David and Jonathan. *How deep is your friendship with your friend or friends?*

1st Point At The Low Point In Life (1 Samuel 20:1)

- When you are on the run for your life, I would say you are at one of the lowest points in your life.
- Guess who is right there supporting, helping, and encouraging David? Yes! Jonathan a true friend.
- There will be those times in your life when you will be able to see who your true friends are.
- Who will stand with you in those low moments and who will abandon you in those low moments?

2nd Point Life Difficult Situations (1 Samuel 20:1)

- The choices we make in difficult situations say a lot about us as a person
- Let's think about the difficult situation that Jonathan finds himself in.
- How does Jonathan remain loyal to his father, while at the same time being a friend to his friend David?

3rd Point When Life Makes No Sense (1 Samuel 20:1...What have I done? What is mine iniquity? And what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?)

- Have we not had those times when we have asked these questions?
- The questions that David asked here, we have asked.
- When life makes no sense, let's turn to the Word of God and prayer.
- I mean, what do we do when we are acting right but how we are treated is so very wrong?
- Remember what 1 Samuel 18:14 and 18:30 says.
- Remember how grateful and thankful David was to have a life (1 Samuel 18:16)
- Saints, we have to remember what the Word of God teaches us in 2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

4th Point **Who Do We Turn Too?** (1 Samuel 19:18 So David fled and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah...)

- As I read this verse all I could say was WOW! WOW!
- I began to ask myself some questions
 - Where did David flee to? The answer is Ramah.
 - Why did David go there? The answer is this is where his friend and Man of God lived
 - What did he do there? The answer is, he told his friend how he had been treated.
 - Remember what we learned in **1 Samuel 1:15**. There we see Hannah pouring out her soul to the LORD

Saints, let's you and I remember where the Bible tells us where to go to find help; where to cast all our cares

1 Peter 5:7 says **Casting all your care upon HIM; for HE careth for you.**

Hebrews 4:16 tells us: **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.**

- I'm thinking of what the prophet Daniel did when he needed answers. He turned to his fellow brothers and friends in **Daniel 2:16-19**.

5th Point **The Words of a Friend** (1 Samuel 20:2...thou shalt not die)

- Now I ask you; Are those not the words that *a friend should hear from a friend* at a time like this?
- Over and over again the Bible exhort us to encourage one another.
- **Hebrews 10:25** says: **Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**
- This word **exhorting** means *encouraging*.
- Saints, we need to consider *the power of the right word spoken at the right moment*.
 - In **Acts 11:23** we see *the power of the right word spoken at the right moment*.
 - In **Acts 27:22 & Acts 27:25 & Acts 27:36** we see *the power of the right word spoken at the right moment*.

Saints,

Words can heal or words can hurt

Words can lift up or words can tear down

Words can encourage or words can discourage

Words can inflate or words can deflate

Words can strengthen or words can weaken

Words can bring joy or words can bring sadness

Words can better the situation or words can make the situation worse.