

# COVENANT

THE PURSUIT OF GOD

Jonathan and David

1 Samuel 18:1-5



# 1 Samuel 18

1 Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. 2 Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it



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to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt. 5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and prospered; and Saul set him over the men of war. And it was pleasing in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

# The Dilemma of Victory

- David takes down Goliath
  - Ends the weeks of taunting
  - Ends the weeks of fear
  - Ends the failure of Saul the king
- Out of it comes a friendship...

# Jonathan the Victor

- Jonathan had proven himself
  - Battles and victories (ch 14)
  - Leader, valiant, honest
  - Challenged his father, and won!
- He sees the battle and David
  - Something changes...

# David's True Victory

- Showed the difference in "hearts"
- Jonathan had dealt with Saul
  - Anger and rage
  - Jealousy and plots
  - Lack of obedience in Saul

# Bound Heart

- Jonathan's heart was changed...
  - Saul's had been, but he failed to 'do'
  - He "knits" his heart to David
- Rejecting political and power
- Consequences will come...

# Gift of Covenant

- We may admire many people...
  - Covenant? A big word!
  - Obligation and cost
  - Took the initiative - out of LOVE!
- Covenant, not a 'contract'!



# The God of Covenant

- From the Beginning... (~300x)
  - Adam, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Hagar
  - God took the initiative!
- David to MESSIAH!
- A NEW covenant! New 'Blood'

As Saul watched...

- Jonathan "strips himself"
  - Badges of honor and family!
  - Clothing of the prince
  - Weapons, rare and earned!
  - David takes on the look of a "king"
  - What about you...?



# 1 Corinthians 11:

23...the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.