

THE LIFE OF

DAVID

THE CHRIST-LIKE MINISTRY OF JONATHAN

1 Samuel 18-20

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Jonathan and David Become Covenant Friends

1 Sam. 18:1,3

[1]Now it came about, when [David] had finished speaking to Saul, that Jonathan committed himself to David, and Jonathan loved him as himself… [3]Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

Jonathan's Philistine victory triggered an earthquake!

1 Sam. 14:14-15

[14]Now that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor bearer inflicted was about twenty men within about half a furrow in an acre of land. [15]And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people. Even the garrison and the raiders trembled, and **the earth quaked so that it became a great trembling.**



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   Mark 10:45- "Jesus came not to be served, but to serve and give his life as a ransom for many."

   Phil 2:6-7 [Jesus] did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7but emptied Himself by taking the form of a bond-servant and being born in the likeness of men.



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   We love because He first loved us. (1 Jn 4:19)

   It should be us that runs toward God, but instead God runs towards us. (Lk 15:20)



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Eph.1 [3]God…has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, [7]In Him we have redemption…according to the riches of His grace [8]which He lavished on us.



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Prov. 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous runs into it and is safe."

Ps. 145:14,18 says, **14**The Lord supports all who fall, And raises up all who are bowed down. **18**The Lord is near to all who call on Him, To all who call on Him in truth.



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   1 Sam. 20:13a - "If it pleases my father to do you harm, may the Lord do so to me and more so."

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5. Jonathan, in the end, gave up his life for David – 20:13a

> 1 Sam. 20:13c - "If it pleases my father to do you harm, may the Lord do so to me and more so, if I fail to inform you and send you away so that you may go in safety."



WHEN DAVID HEARS OF JONATHAN'S DEATH

2 Sam. 1:26:

I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;
You have been a close friend to me.
Your love for me was more wonderful
Than the love of women.

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