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Journey with Jesus: Mark 9:42-11:45
June 12, 2016 - Pastor Mike Medeiros

Jonathan's Love for David (vv. 1-5)

Act of honor:

Why it was given:

Saul's Rage against David (vv. 10-15)

Act of dishonor:

Why it was given:

Israel's Love for David (vv. 6-7, 16)

Act of honor:

Why it was given:

David demonstrated loyalty in covenant relationships:

In his _____ with Jonathan

In his _____ to Saul

Saul's Jealousy of David (vv. 8-9)

Act of contempt:

Why it was given:

Take Home Truth

_____ is determined by your _____.

Today's Core Virtue:

Kindness/Goodness: "I choose to do the right things in my relationships with others."
(from 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

Today's Action:

1. Think about the quality and strength of your covenant relationships.
2. Also consider what you think about success and how God views it. Is there a discrepancy?



Deeper Connection Study

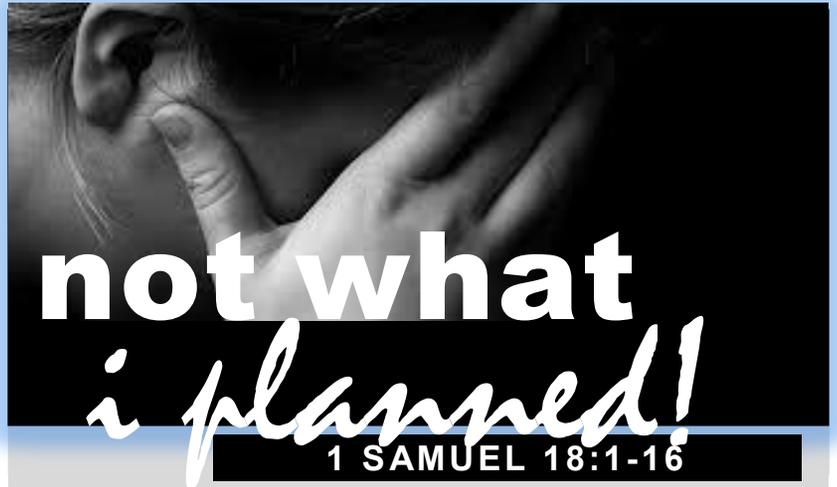
Acts of honor and loyalty seem rare today as people operate out of a mindset of convenience rather than commitment. In friendships as well as work relationships, it takes a lot of conviction to be loyal and this is especially so when there is friction. We find that this concept of commitment is rooted in covenant relationships and it is vividly portrayed in David's life.

Today's Core Virtue discussed: Kindness/Goodness

Read 1 Samuel 18:1-16

1. List your observations of the passage. Make note of contrasts, similarities, attitudes, and motives of the characters involved.
2. What important qualities of friendship existed between Jonathan and David (vv. 1-4; cf. Prov. 17:17; 18:24)? What do you think are important characteristics of a godly friendship?
3. How did Jonathan show honor and loyalty to David? Why is this significant?
4. How did David rise to prominence? How did the people view him (vv. 1-7, 16)?
5. Why did Saul feel threatened by David (vv. 8-15)? How did Saul react to David's growing popularity and prosperity?
6. What does it mean that "the Lord was with him" (vv. 12, 14; cf. v. 28)? In a similar way, can it be said [of you] that the Lord is with you? What things would people say about you?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Thank God for the friendships you have. Ask God to help you deepen your commitment to serve others and honor your covenant relationships.



David just accomplished an epic victory over a giant foe, Goliath, and enabled Israel to muster courage to defeat the Philistines. The shepherd boy instantly vaulted into celebrity status. This also provided David with some growing relationships with Saul, his son Jonathan, and the people of Israel. Each had an incredible respect for David and his successes. As the king-in-waiting has a surge in popularity, the reigning king experiences an abrupt change of heart that threatens Israel's golden boy.

As we read the narrative of 1 Samuel 18, we see David's effect on people and how the Lord is with him. There is something refreshingly different about David compared to Saul. For example, take acts of honor and loyalty: these seem rare today as people operate out of a mindset of convenience rather than commitment. In friendships as well as work relationships, it takes a lot of conviction to be loyal and this is especially so when there is friction. We find that this concept of commitment is rooted in covenant relationships and it is vividly portrayed in David's life.

