

The Relationships We Need Part 1 - Discussion Group 2

1. Read Slides 2-3 together
3. See Questions on Slide 4
4. Type group summary points on the Slide with your group number to share with large group

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David & Goliath in 1 Sam 17:45-47

Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord’s, and he will give you into our hand.”

1 Samuel 17:48-50; 57-58

When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him... 57 And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58 And Saul said to him, “Whose son are you, young man?” And David answered, “I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”

1 Samuel 18:1-4

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father’s house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.

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1 Samuel 19:1-5

And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. 2 And Jonathan told David, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. 3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you." 4 And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. 5 For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the Lord worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?"

1 Sam 20:41 - And as soon as the boy had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap and fell on his face to the ground and bowed three times. And they kissed one another and wept with one another, David weeping the most.

1 Sam 20:4 - Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

1 Sam 20:42 - Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, 'The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring, forever.'"

Discussion questions for breakout group 2

1. What common passion did Jonathan and David share (1Sam 13:14; 14:6)? Where can we see Jonathan “discovering” this shared treasure in David (1Sam 17:11;45-49)?
2. What is it that Jonathan possesses so that he can afford to have “fearless other-centeredness” toward David (1Sam 18:1-4)?
3. If God is the friend who let’s you in but who won’t let you down, you can afford to radically give to others in friendship. Do you believe this? Why or why not?
4. Think about your closest friendships, do you sense that you love God more than others, or even yourself? Have you experienced intimate, giving and lasting friendships?

Group 1 Summary Points

2. David & Jonathan's "moment" - the insight that lead to help David
3. If God is the friend who let's you in but who won't let you down, you can afford to radically give to others in friendship. Do you believe this? Why or why not?
 - Yes, I believe in it but it is difficult to live out
 - Need to be filled with God and overflow or we can burnout
4. Think about your closest friendships, do you sense that you love God more than others, or even yourself? Have you experienced intimate, giving and lasting friendships?
 - Stumbling block: selfishness / need to address it

Group 2 Summary Points

- + (1) Both shared bravery: one is spiritual and the other more tangible
- + (2) Jonathan loved him as his own soul; he could do this because of his relationship with God
- + (3) Intellectually, we accept this, but this is radical and difficult in practice given our cultural context.
- + (3) Sometimes, we have to go against what culture dictates is friendship (e.g. speaking the truth in love, accountability) to be the Biblical definition of a friend.

Group 3 Summary Points

1. What common passion did Jonathan and David share (1Sam 13:14; 14:6)? Where can we see Jonathan “discovering” this shared treasure in David (1Sam 17:11;45-49)?
 - a. Common passion of wanting to serve the Lord; Jonathan saw that when David risked his life
2. What is it that Jonathan possesses so that he can afford to have “fearless other-centeredness” toward David (1Sam 18:1-4)?
 - a. Shared love for God; he had humility for what he saw in David
3. If God is the friend who let’s you in but who won’t let you down, you can afford to radically give to others in friendship. Do you believe this? Why or why not?
 - a. In theory yes, but hard in practice. Has to do with maturity in faith in how much God will take care of us.
4. Think about your closest friendships, do you sense that you love God more than others, or even yourself? Have you experienced intimate, giving and lasting friendships?
 - a. Often realize that we can be selfish in our friendships, but God is still gracious to give us friends which reveal our own lack of love towards God and towards other people.

Group 4 Summary Points

1. What common passion did Jonathan and David share (1Sam 13:14; 14:6)? Where can we see Jonathan “discovering” this shared treasure in David (1Sam 17:11;45-49)?
 - a. When David spoke about God - offering his life in God’s name
 - b. When Jonathan saw how much David trusted the Lord
2. What is it that Jonathan possesses so that he can afford to have “fearless other-centeredness” toward David (1Sam 18:1-4)?
 - a. Faith
 - b. Jonathan was a prince - cool of him!
 - c. Battle of David & Goliath happens /after/ Saul is rejected. Saul tried to sacrifice in place of Samuel. Jonathan shows so much grace instead of competition
3. If God is the friend who lets you in but who won’t let you down, you can afford to radically give to others in friendship. Do you believe this? Why or why not?
4. Think about your closest friendships, do you sense that you love God more than others, or even yourself? Have you experienced intimate, giving and lasting friendships?

Group 5 Summary Points

1. What common passion did Jonathan and David share (1Sam 13:14; 14:6)? Where can we see Jonathan “discovering” this shared treasure in David (1Sam 17:11;45-49)? **Faith. Animosity toward the Philistines.**
2. What is it that Jonathan possesses so that he can afford to have “fearless other-centeredness” toward David (1Sam 18:1-4)? **Trust. Gave up his armour and weapons. Way of showing great affection. Selflessness.**
3. If God is the friend who let’s you in but who won’t let you down, you can afford to radically give to others in friendship. Do you believe this? Why or why not? **Disappointing to have perfection expectations of humans. We all have growth areas, so we can be let down.**
4. Think about your closest friendships, do you sense that you love God more

Questions

-Do you like cats?

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Group 6 Summary Points

1. God, willingness to put one's life to fight for God, love for God, reverence for God
2. Jonathan loved someone else as his own soul (implies he loves his own soul?); was willing to lay down himself, willing to give everything away
3. If God is the friend who let's you in but who won't let you down, you can afford to radically give to others in friendship. Do you believe this? Why or why not?

Yes we believe but really hard to practice this; we can glorify God by serving other people and growing in our friendships
4. Yes, when we grow in friendship that is centered on the gospel, you also help each other to grow more in faith

Group 7 Summary Points

1. What common passion did Jonathan and David share (1 Sam. 13:14; 14:6)? [***Samuel noting that God wants a man after his own heart, distinguishing David over Saul, Jonathan recognizes that trait, Jonathan having a sense of faith that God would deliver them from Philistines, shared treasure was in God's faithfulness***]
Where can we see Jonathan “discovering” this shared treasure in David (1Sam 17:11;45-49)? [***When David was telling off the Philistines, telling them that they can bite it***]
2. What is it that Jonathan possesses so that he can afford to have “fearless other-centeredness” toward David (1Sam 18:1-4)? [***Faith in the Lord, love***]
3. If God is the friend who let's you in but who won't let you down, you can afford to radically give to others in friendship. Do you believe this? Why or why not? [**RESPONSE**]
4. Think about your closest friendships, do you sense that you love God more than others, or even yourself? Have you experienced intimate, giving and lasting friendships? [**RESPONSE**]

Group 8 Summary Points

1. What common passion did Jonathan and David share? Where can we see Jonathan “discovering” this shared treasure in David?

Faithfulness, trust, reliance on God to respond to a very risky situation. Jonathan identified this quality by observing David’s behavior (didn’t need to verbally talk about it)

2. What is it that Jonathan possesses so that he can afford to have “fearless other-centeredness” toward David?

Humility and vulnerability for a prince to give up his own valuable weapons, armor for the son of a shepherd (the world’s culture doesn’t understand crossing cultural & class lines like this)

3. If God is the friend who let’s you in but who won’t let you down, you can afford to radically give to others in friendship. Do you believe this? Why or why not?

It depends on how connected you feel to access the unlimited resources available from God

Group 9 Summary Points

Group 10 Summary Points