

**“Faithful Friends Forever”
I Samuel 20**

David is on the run and will be for years. He fled from Saul to Samuel (19:18) and now flees to Jonathan. He will soon flee to Ahimelech and Achish (21). Later he will flee to the desert (22) and back to Achish (27).

David flees to Jonathan for answers (1-4).

- David is naïve—Can’t he guess the answers to these questions?
- Jonathan is naïve—Can’t he believe his Dad is that bad (19:6,7)?
- What is to be the case with believers? (Mk. 2:32-35, 10:3). Note the frequency of “Lord” in 12-16, 23, 42)

David and Jonathan have a plan to expose Saul’s attitude (5-23).

- David proposes a dinner plan to prove that Saul seeks his death.
- David and Jonathan exchange vows of allegiance to preserve life.
 - Jonathan assures David he’ll provide for David’s safety (9, 13)*
 - Jonathan wants assurance David will provide for his own safety (14, 15)*
- Jonathan proposes an archery plan to get the news to David.

Saul explodes and betrays his contempt for David (24-34).

- Saul’s anger is toward Jonathan for treason against the family.
 - New Moon celebration = celebration w/sacrifices (Num. 10:10), and if one is “unclean” he can’t participate (Lev. 7:20,21).
- Saul’s anger moves him to try to kill Jonathan as w/David earlier!
- What is David doing during these fun festive days? (24)

David and Jonathan quickly meet and tearfully depart (35-42).

- David’s repeated bowing to Jonathan = total submission (Gen. 33:3, 37:7f.)
- Both weep together and David “more” or could translate “louder.” Why?

WHY IS THIS FRIENDSHIP SO MAGICAL?

WHAT MUST FRIENDS BE WILLING TO DO / BE?