

David

The Love of Jonathan

The way down is the way up.
To be low is to be high.
The broken heart is the healed heart.
The contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit.
The repenting soul is the victorious soul.
To bear the cross is to wear the crown.
To give it is to receive.
To keep your life you must lose it.
To live you must die to yourself.

1 Samuel 17:55-58 (ESV)

⁵⁵As soon as Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." ⁵⁶And the king said, "Inquire whose son the boy is." ⁵⁷And 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. ⁵⁸And 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 18:1-5 (ESV)

¹As 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. ²And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. ³Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴And 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. ⁵And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

1. Jonathan _____ David because Jonathan was _____ to God's mission, not his own.

1 Samuel 17:57-58

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2. Jonathan loved David as his own _____ because Jonathan was _____ about God's mission, not his own.

1 Samuel 18:1

Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

1 Samuel 19:5a

⁵David took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the LORD worked a great salvation for all Israel.

3. Jonathan made a _____ with David to make a _____ to God's mission, not his own.

1 Samuel 18:3-4

³Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.

⁴And 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.

1 Samuel 20:7-9

⁷If he says, 'Good!' it will be well with your servant, but if he is angry, then know that harm is determined by him.

⁸Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is guilt in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?"

⁹And Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! If I knew that it was determined by my father that harm should come to you, would I not tell you?"

4. Jonathan stripped himself of _____ that he was so that the name of God would _____ on the earth.

1 Samuel 18:4

⁴And 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.

5. We do not love _____ because we don't _____ God's mission more than ours.

6. The _____ of loving our mission more than God's is that the power of God is not in our homes and the power of the enemy resides.