



David's Friend for Life: Blood not Thicker than Water (1 Sam 20)

Questions: Week Eleven

David and Jonathan - [1 Samuel 20:1-42](#)¹

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Open It

1. *In what way do you agree or disagree with the conventional wisdom that "when the going gets tough, you find out who your real friends are"?
2. What is particularly tragic about a love story "across enemy lines"?

Explore It

3. What was the difference between David's and Jonathan's perceptions of Saul's behavior? ([20:1-2](#))
4. What was David's theory about why Saul might not have included Jonathan in his plans as he usually did? ([20:3](#))
5. What situation did David and Jonathan set up to test Saul's intentions toward David? ([20:5-7](#))
6. *What promise did Jonathan make to David before God? ([20:12-13](#))
7. *What promise did Jonathan ask David to make to him? ([20:14-15](#))
8. What emotion prevailed in the relationship between David and Jonathan? ([20:17](#))
9. How did Jonathan plan to signal David to let him know whether or not he was in danger? ([20:19-22](#))
10. How did Saul react when David's place was empty on the first day of the feast? ([20:26](#))
11. How did Jonathan answer when Saul questioned him about David's absence on the second day of the feast? ([20:28-29](#))
12. What was Saul's immediate emotional reaction when he heard the agreed-upon answer as to David's whereabouts? ([20:30](#))

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13. What accusation did Saul make against his son Jonathan? ([20:30](#))
14. Why did Saul believe it was contrary to Jonathan's interests to support David? ([20:31](#))
15. What did Saul do when Jonathan continued to question the justice of the death sentence against David? ([20:33](#))
16. What emotions did Jonathan feel after arguing with his father? ([20:34](#))
17. Which signal did Jonathan execute for David the next day? ([20:35-38](#))
18. Why did David bow down to Jonathan when they met alone in the field? ([20:41](#))
19. *Why did Jonathan and David weep in their last meeting together? ([20:41-42](#))
20. What did Jonathan remind David of before they parted company? ([20:42](#))

Get It

21. What moral or legal justification did Saul have for trying to kill David?
22. How do you think Jonathan felt about being caught between his father and his friend?
23. *What does it say about Jonathan that he chose to remain loyal to David, even to the point of working against his own father's commands?
24. What did Jonathan show that he knew by faith about the future when he secured David's promise to be kind to his descendants?
25. Why did David and Jonathan confer in a field with no one else around?
26. *What is good or bad about forming loyalties that can surpass loyalty to family?
27. If your own self-interest were to conflict with the obvious will of God, which would you choose to promote?

Apply It

28. *How can you resolve to strengthen your commitment to God so that it could withstand even the agendas of your closest family or friends?
29. For what strong friendship bond can you thank God and your friend this week?