



Title | Blest Be the Tie That Binds
Series | Making a Difference in a Nation Adrift
Text | 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5
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Sermon Notes

1 Samuel 17:55 As 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.” **56** And the king said, “Inquire whose son the boy is.” **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.” **18:1** 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. **5** And 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. *ESV*

Big Idea:

1 Samuel 18:1 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. *ESV*

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5. What are the characteristics of David's friendship with Jonathan? What is the nature of their love for one another? To what extent does this expose a longing for something more in your own relationships?

Tuesday:

In 1 Samuel 18:1-4, who seems to take the initiative in forging the friendship? For those who want to find close friends, what does this suggest?

Wednesday:

Read Ruth 1:16-17; Proverbs 17:17; 27:6, 9, 17. How do these Scriptures relate to the story of Jonathan and David?

Thursday:

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Acts 2:42; Romans 16:3-15; Hebrews 10:23-25; 3 John 1:4. How do these Scriptures relate to the story of Jonathan and David?

Friday:

Specifically, how can you put yourself out there in pursuit of friendships in the likeness of Jonathan and David?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to put myself out there in pursuit of friendships in the likeness of Jonathan and David. Amen.

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