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# Sermon Notes

**1 Samuel 20:1** Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came and said before Jonathan, “What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?” **2** And he said to him, “Far from it! You shall not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me. And why should my father hide this from me? It is not so.” **3** But David vowed again, saying, “Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he thinks, ‘Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.’ But truly, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.” **4** Then Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you say, I will do for you.” **5** David said to Jonathan, “Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit at table with the king. But let me go, that I may hide myself in the field till the third day at evening. **6** If your father misses me at all, then say, ‘David earnestly asked leave of me to run to Bethlehem his city, for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the clan.’ **7** If he says, ‘Good!’ it will be well with your servant, but if he is angry, then know that harm is determined by him. **8** Therefore 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?” **9** And 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?” **10** Then David said to Jonathan, “Who will tell me if your father answers you roughly?” **11** And Jonathan said to David, “Come, let us go out into the field.” So they both went out into the field. **12** And Jonathan said to David, “The LORD, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father, about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if he is well disposed toward David, shall I not then send and disclose it to you? **13** But should it please my father to do you harm, the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May the LORD be with you, as he has been with my father. **14** If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the LORD, that I may not die; **15** and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.” **16** And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD take vengeance on David's enemies.” **17** And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul. *ESV*

## Big Idea:

**1 Samuel 20:4** Then Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you say, I will do for you.” *ESV*

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read 1 Samuel 20:1-3. How do you think David felt when, in response to his claim that Saul was trying to kill him, Jonathan said, "It is not so." How might this put a strain on their relationship? How do they work through it?

### Tuesday:

Read 1 Samuel 20:3-4. How do you think Jonathan felt when David said he was wrong about his father? How might this put a strain on their relationship? How do they work through it?

### Wednesday:

Read 1 Samuel 20:13-15. What does Jonathan assume regarding David's future? Given that Jonathan would be the expected heir to the throne, how might this put a strain on their relationship? How do they work through it?

### Thursday:

Considering all that happens in the story of 1 Samuel 20:1-42, do you think it was always easy for David and Jonathan maintain their relationship? What work was required?

### Friday:

If forever friends are forged, not just found, what does that suggest for those of us who want to enjoy forever friends?

### Daily Prayer:

Lord, help me to do the hard work of forging relationships that I may enjoy the fruit of forever friendship. Amen.

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