

Sunday, September 29, 2019 - "David - Week 4 - The friend that was, the friend that should have been" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: 1 Samuel 18, John 15:12-14, 1 Samuel 20:30-31, 2 Samuel 11

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- You cannot walk faithfully with Jesus in isolation - Doug Kempton
  - We need people...the right people
  - All throughout scripture = we need community
- 1 Samuel 18: David just killed Goliath and Jonathan overheard a conversation between Saul and David
- Who was Jonathan?
  - Heir to the throne of Israel, Saul's 1st born
  - He was a man of honor and an accomplished war hero...most importantly a man of God
- Jonathan "loved David as his own soul"
  - Not a physical attraction (this actually cheapens it)
  - Whatever happened to David, Jonathan felt
  - It was a bond that couldn't be broken (the Jesus way of friendship - John 15:12-14)
- Jonathan does something extraordinary
  - He made a covenant with David - commitment to journey for a lifetime
  - He gave him his ROBE (a symbol of power, prestige, position)
  - He willingly gave David his inheritance (gave up his right to be king)
  - He had a kingdom/godly perspective (Jesus took off his ROBE and washed disciples' feet)
- 2 Samuel: David is now king and has great success and everything prospers
- 2 Samuel 11 (David has gotten to a point where he does things on his own)
  - David isolates himself
  - He should have been in battle with his comrades/friends
  - But David uses his power to get what he wants (his friend's wife)
  - He then betrays one of his best friends and has him killed (sends him out alone)
  - David repents, but the kingdom is forever damaged (his sin didn't affect just him)
- Un-dealt with patterns of sin (David's was lust)
  - He made many compromises before the moment on the roof
  - We give these patterns to our children and their children
  - David's in pattern becomes a major part of his story
- Jonathan showed uncommon friendship to David but David didn't do the same
- Is we follow the greatest commandment (love God with all your heart, love your neighbor as yourself → it protects us from sin (David would not have betrayed his friend if he was living this out)
- You cannot remove your robe and at the same time sin against someone
- John 15:12-15

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What is your "robe"? Power, influence, position?
2. How is God calling you to remove your robe? What will it take for you to lay it down?
3. When was a time that someone was a friend like Jonathan to you?
4. How is God calling you to be a friend like Jonathan to someone else?
5. How has community helped you in your life and journey with the Lord?
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 1 Samuel 31 Tues: 2 Samuel 1 Wed: 2 Samuel 2 Thurs: 2 Samuel 3 Fri: 2 Samuel 4

Songs from the weekend: [You Are my Joy - Will Reagan & United Pursuit] - [This I Believe - Hillsong Worship] - [Nothing Else But You - Grace Original (Melissa Gray)] - [How Great Thou Art]