

In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL

1 Samuel 20:1-42 Covenant Fidelity

¹² Then 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 there is good *feeling* toward David, shall I not then send to you and make it known to you? ¹³ If it please my father *to do* you harm, may the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. And may the LORD be with you as He has been with my father. ¹⁴ If I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die? ¹⁵ You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

¹⁶ So Jonathan made a *covenant* with the house of David, *saying*, "May the LORD require *it* at the hands of David's enemies." ¹⁷ Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because he loved him as he loved his own life.

(1 Samuel 20:12-17)

Covenant Fidelity

1. The Provision of Covenant Fidelity

- Jonathan was God's unlikely provision for David's comfort and deliverance
- the essence of this covenant was a display of "loyal love" (*hesed*)

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- *there are parallels with our relationship with each other as the body of Christ*

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2. The Cost of Covenant Fidelity

- Jonathan's loyalty to David came at great personal cost to himself
- Jonathan's loyalty to David was to David as the Lord's anointed king

³⁷ "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸ And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

(Matthew 10:37-39)

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3. The Refuge of Covenant Fidelity

- Jonathan sought refuge for the future in his covenant with God's anointed king
- Jonathan prized the loyal love (*hesed*) of God's anointed more than anything else

Do you prize the covenant love of Jesus
above life itself?

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:38-39)