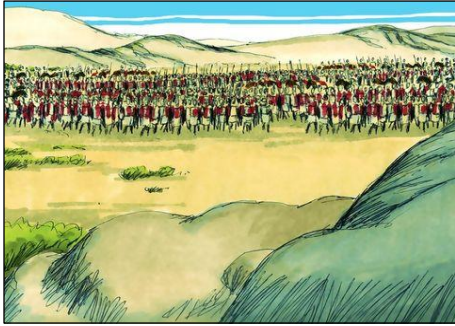


Lesson 3

Jonathan, A Man of Faith and Loyal Friend

Lesson Text: 1 Samuel 14; 18



We are first introduced to Jonathan, the son of King Saul, in 1 Samuel Chapter 14.

The Philistine Army had attacked King Saul and Israel. They had disarmed Israel and the small army of Israel only had farming tools to fight with.

There also was not a smith found in Israel to make new tools. The Philistines had made sure of this.

Saul and Jonathan are the only two with a sword. Things looked bad for their small army. King Saul only had around six hundred men with him in the battle.

Verse 1 of Chapter 14 tells us that Jonathan leaves to go to the Philistines' garrison without telling his father and takes the battle into his own hands.

Jonathan travels with only his young armor bearer and the people had no idea they had left Saul's camp.

Verse 6, we see the faith Jonathan has in God as he states that God is able to save by many or by few.

Jonathan looks for a sign that is revealed and he and his armor bearer go into battle. In verse 6, Jonathan shows his faith in God by saying He is not limited to numbers, that He could save even the two of them in battle against many.

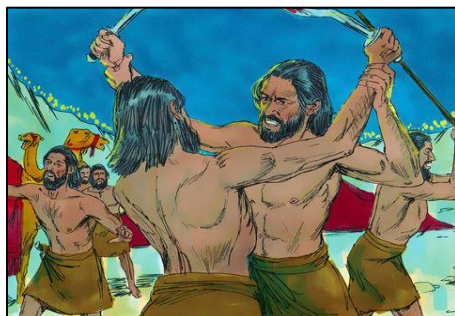
They slay twenty Philistines with the help of the Lord.

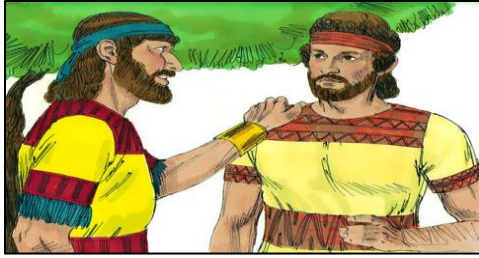
After this, God caused an earthquake to shake the land.

The Philistines were so scared they blindly start fighting and killing one another.

When Saul hears the news, he finds Jonathan and his armor bearer missing. Saul and the rest of his army go to the scene and see the Philistines fighting against themselves.

Jonathan's faith in God during a time of such terror shows us that we can also have faith, even when we are scared or going through hard times.





Next, we see Jonathan and David form a bond and a covenant with one another in 1 Samuel 18.

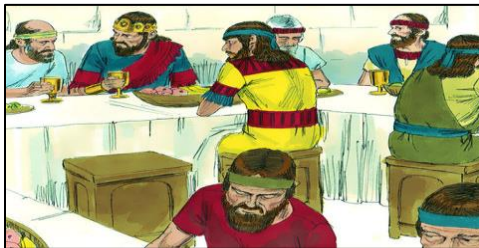
Jehovah God has anointed David to be the next king, but he remains patient and works with King Saul in the kingdom.

We see King Saul become jealous of David because the people loved him and tries to cost David his life many times.



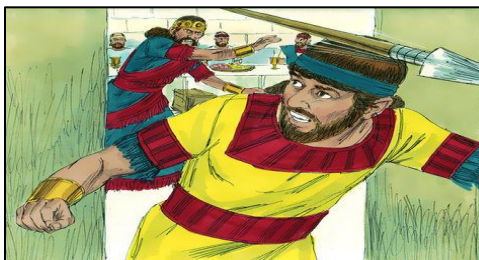
Chapter 19 begins with King Saul telling Jonathan and his servants to kill David. Jonathan steps in and talks Saul out of killing David for some time, but eventually King Saul becomes so jealous of David he attempts to kill him.

There is an upcoming feast that King Saul expected David to attend, but David feared for his life. David contacted Jonathan and Jonathan said he would talk to his father and shoot arrows to the rock or beyond so David would know whether it was safe to come to the feast.



When King Saul asks about David, he and Jonathan discuss how King Saul is upset because David will be the next king instead of Jonathan, unless he is killed.

Jonathan does not want David harmed and Saul becomes so upset that he throws a spear at Jonathan!



The next day, Jonathan and a lad go to the field where he and David had agreed to meet. Jonathan shoots the arrows far and David knows it is not safe for him to return.

Jonathan sends the lad to the city with the arrows and the lad did not realize David was there.



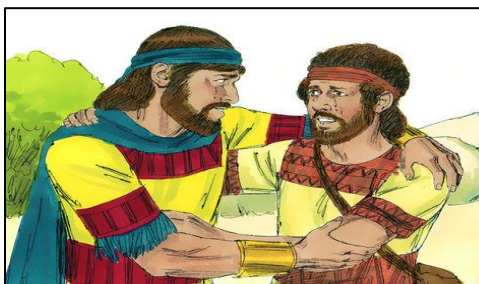
After the lad was gone David came out of hiding and together, he and David wept. Jonathan reminds David of their oath together and David departs.

Jonathan showed himself to be a faithful friend to David, but more importantly, faithful to God's will.

Jehovah God anointed David to be the next king and we see Jonathan accepting of that fact.

Even though Jonathan would have been the next king, if not for David.

Therefore, he is a great example to us, even today!



Thought Questions

We see the example of Jonathan as he has faith in God to not only protect him and his armor bearer, but to also give them the battle. Then we see how he is a loyal friend to David even when his father, Saul threatens him and even tries to harm him. He stays true to God and remains a true friend to David.

1. Today, we have faith by hearing the word of God. What are some ways we can strengthen our faith?
2. Who do we pray to?
3. Who do we pray through?
4. What are some ways we can be loyal to our friends?
5. What are some ways we can be loyal to God?

Multiple Choice

- Jonathan was the _____ of King Saul.
a. servant b. Cousin c. son d. brother
- Jonathan left King Saul's camp with only his _____.
a. Sword and knife b. armor bearer c. army d. wife
- King Saul only had around _____ with him in the battle.
a. 500 b. 650 c. 600 d. 700
- Jonathan and David formed a _____ with one another.
a. covenant b. army c. garrison d. cornerstone

True/False

- Jonathan killed twenty Philistines by himself. _____
- Jonathan and David loved one another as brethren. _____
- Jonathan showed great faith in God by his actions. _____
- Jonathan was very jealous of David. _____

Cryptogram: 1 Samuel 18:3

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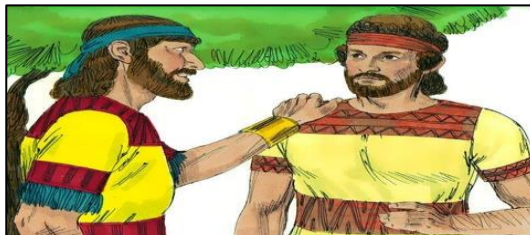
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