



THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

Friendship

1 Samuel 18:1-11, 23:7-18 (NIV)

1 Samuel 18: 1-11

¹⁸ After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

⁵ Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

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⁶ When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. ⁷ As they danced, they sang:

"Saul has slain his thousands,
and David his tens of thousands."

⁸ Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" ⁹ And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.

¹⁰ The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand ¹¹ and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

1 Samuel 23:7-18

⁷ Saul was told that David had gone to Keilah, and he said, "God has delivered him into my hands, for David has imprisoned himself by entering a town with gates and bars." ⁸ And Saul called up all his forces for battle, to go down to Keilah to besiege David and his men.

⁹ When David learned that Saul was plotting against him, he said to Abiathar the priest, "Bring the ephod." ¹⁰ David said, "LORD, God of Israel, your servant has heard definitely that Saul plans to come to Keilah and destroy the town on account of me. ¹¹ Will the citizens of Keilah surrender me to him? Will Saul come down, as your servant has heard? LORD, God of Israel, tell your servant."

And the LORD said, "He will."

¹² Again David asked, "Will the citizens of Keilah surrender me and my men to Saul?"

And the LORD said, "They will."

¹³ So David and his men, about six hundred in number, left Keilah and kept moving from place to place. When Saul was told that David had escaped from Keilah, he did not go there.

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¹⁴ David stayed in the wilderness strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.

¹⁵ While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. ¹⁶ And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. ¹⁷ "Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this."

¹⁸ The two of them made a covenant before the LORD. Then Jonathan went home, but David remained at Horesh.

NOTES

Prayers for October 4 - 10, 2020

West Siders :: Kline and Brenda Welsch

West Side Ministry :: Citizenship Program

Mali Children :: Mamourou and Mamadou

Local Church :: Westside Church of Christ - Pasco

Additional Concerns :: Lil Leggett, Margaret Storms, Grace Jackson, Gerry Wyatt, Dan & Sue Batchelder, Tom Abrams, Hideki Long, Debbie Mellinger, John & Martha Zimmerman, Jane Frazier, Janice Wellington, Bud Dodson, Dan & Andrea Gire and Family (death of David Bondurant, Andrea's father), Dalene Perrigo and Family (death of husband Lyle on Sept. 12).

In Military Service :: North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; Illinois-Noah Ellis; Nevada-Jared Hoey; California-Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington/Oregon-Jacob Ellis

This week we are praying for Tyler and Rochelle Holm ministering with PC-USA Malawi but presently in Kentucky. They recently wrote, asking for the following prayers: *"Pray for the country of Malawi, its government, its leaders, its students, its future, and also pray for our local partner the CCAP, and the universities that we work for. Please prayerfully consider financially supporting Tyler's position at the University of Livingstonia Faculty of Theology through Presbyterian World Mission. Our service depends on you!"*

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