

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

1)	06 December. 2026.....	1Samuel 01-02	Prayer
2)	13 Dec.....	1Samuel 03-04	Calling
3)	20 Dec.....	Luke 02.....	(Christmas) Savior
4)	27 Dec.....	1Samuel 05-07	Supremacy
5)	03 January 2027	1Samuel 08-14	King Demanded
6)	10 Jan.....	1Samuel 15.....	Obedience
7)	17 Jan.....	Psalms 139.....	Value of Life
8)	24 Jan.....	1Samuel 16.....	Anointed
9)	31 Jan.....	1Samuel 17.....	Victory
10)	07 Feb.....	1Samuel 18-21	Friendship
11)	14 Feb.....	1Samuel 22-24	Respect
12)	21 Feb.....	1Samuel 25.....	Discernment
13)	28 Feb.....	1Samuel 26-31	Guidance

INTRODUCTION

- Humanity is hardwired for relationships, community, and friendship
- David is on the run from King Saul. He is determined to let God fight his battles – But he needs friends and family to stick by him.
- Do we stick by our friends and family when they need us?
- When do we call it quits with certain friends and family?

Passage	Comments
1Samuel 18:1-11	Jonathan and David Make a Covenant (v3) • v4. When Jonathan gave David his robe and military attire, it was akin to 2 men wearing jerseys from the same sport's team. They were a formidable team. • Jonathan and David's love for each other was more wonderful than the love of women 2Samuel 1:26 ♦ What in the world does this mean? ♦ This passage was penned by David as a song, so it exemplified and amplified their tight friendship ♦ They had each other's back as they protected each other from harm (Jonathan protected David from his dad, King Saul, and David would preserve Jonathan's life after he assumed the throne)
Satan initially attacked Man's friendship with God; and he is now attacking same-sex friendships	• Friendship and intimacy between a Husband & a Wife is paramount for a marriage to be enjoyable as God means for it to be. • For a husband to be "friendly" with another woman, and for a wife to be "friendly" with another man often spells danger. • BUT, women need to have deep friendships with other women; and men need to have deep friendships with other men (of a non-sexual nature), • AND young boys need to develop friendships with other boys; and girls with other girls to grow up socially, physiologically, and biblically healthy.
18:12-30	David Behaved Wisely in All His Ways (vv5, 14, 30) • Why did Saul, who's hatred of David was becoming more and more obvious, attempt to make David his son-in-law? Answer: To lure him to an early death without raising suspicion. • If you want to be distinguished, and to prosper, and to have enemies who will seek your demise, consider how David behaved. ☑ He took the high road and acted wisely (above reproach) above all others. ♦ But shouldn't this be our aim in serving God?
19:1-17	Some People Cannot Be Reasoned with • Jonathan's loyalty was severely tested between whether to support his dad or his new friend, David • Saul's unbiblical behavior, probably due to forsaking God, became very evident to his own son • Jonathan was then forced to make a decision

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19:18-24	What is Up with Saul Prophesying Naked? • vv18. David fled and escaped to Samuel. Why did David flee to Samuel & not to a more inconspicuous accomplice? • vv20-24. King Saul, not a good man at this time, and 3 sets of messengers ended up prophesying. WHY? • <u>Adam Clarke's Commentary</u>: "Saul threw off his military garments, retaining only his tunic...and by bringing both Saul and his men under a Divine influence, God prevented them from injuring David" • <u>JFB' Commentary</u>. "...divested of his armor and outer robes, in a state of trance...God frustrated the purposes of Saul and preserved the life of His servants" • <u>Poole's Commentary</u>. "God kept him as it were in chains, till David was out of his reach"
20:1-42	Time to Make a Decision – Live with Abuse or Not? • vv1-8. David convinced Jonathan he must do something. Just hoping for the best wasn't good enough. • When should we cut our losses with some people? ♦ After they verbally or physically abuse us 1 or 10x? ♦ But what if they ask forgiveness 70x7? Matt 18 ♦ Principle to Live by. Like David and Jesus, it is OK to put distance between yourself and your unrepentant abusers (i.e., Saul and Pharisees) ♦ When should we step in to help an abused friend? ♦ If it is physical abuse, don't be afraid to call 911
21:1-15	Principles to Be Aware of • vv1-2. We cannot outmaneuver God's providence. David had the liberty to visit Ahimelech the priest, but unbeknownst to him, this visit would cause the death of Ahimelech and many others 1Sam 22 • vv3-6. Sabbath was made for Man. David & his men ate the holy bread meant for the priests. True needs trump certain aspects of the Law Matt 12:4 ♦ Why was this not a contradiction to God wants obedience, not sacrifice? • vv10-15. Sometimes deceit saves lives. Was this right or wrong of David to feign madness? When is lying OK? See lesson on 1Samuel 16

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- Strong friendships require work, sacrifice, and intentionality
- The depth of our friendship is determined by the depth of our investment (predominantly quality time)

NEXT WEEK: 1Samuel 22-24. David remains true to his convictions to do no harm to God's anointed king, but King Saul oscillated between sparing David and seeking his death.

