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Day Three

David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 20:30-34 and 23:16-18

Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established. Therefore send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die." Then Jonathan answered Saul his father, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" But Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him. So Jonathan knew that his father was determined to put David to death. And Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had disgraced him.

And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this." And the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.

Why do you think that Jonathan chose to remain faithful to his friend David even after his father King Saul grew to hate David? (1 Samuel 19:4-6)

Jonathan risked his life to continue helping David, in what ways do you show your friends that you are faithful to them?

In a huge act of faithfulness Jonathan made a vow to David that he would give up the throne of Israel to David, how does this act show Jonathan's faith and trust in God as well as in David? (1 Samuel 23:16-18)

How have you shown faithfulness to God in your life in the past?

*Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him.
For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD
looks on the heart.*

1 Samuel 16:7

Would you remain faithful in sticking up for your friends even if it may put you into danger? In what ways could you show your faithfulness to them?

What can you do today to help you be faithful to God in the future?

David sang in Psalm 117:2 that God is “For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!” We know that God is faithful to us, how can this change the way we live our lives?
