

MESSAGE NOTES



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Message: Jonathan: Led By Loyalty
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Many proclaim themselves loyal, but who can find one worthy of trust?

Proverbs 20:6 (NRSV)

Jonathan was a skilled warrior and the son of King Saul. [See 1 Samuel 13]

Jonathan and David became friends through their mutual devotion to the Lord.

¹ After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond of love between them, and they became the best of friends. ² From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. ³ And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. ⁴ Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

1 Samuel 18:1-4 (NLT)

Jonathan was loyal to both his father and David, but it was anything but easy for him!

⁵ Whatever Saul asked David to do, David did it successfully. So Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike. ⁶ When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul. They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and

cymbals. ⁷ This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" ⁸ This made Saul very angry. "What's this?" he said. "They credit David with ten thousands and me with only thousands. Next they'll be making him their king!" ⁹ So from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David.

1 Samuel 18:5-9 (NLT)

¹ Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David. But Jonathan, because of his close friendship with David, told him what his father was planning. "Tomorrow morning," he warned him, "you must find a hiding place out in the fields. ² I'll ask my father to go out there with me, and I'll talk to him about you.

³ Then I'll tell you everything I can find out.

1 Samuel 19:1-3 (NLT)

Loyalty isn't agreeing with someone...

Loyalty is loving them – even when it costs.

Jonathan's loyalty is a model for us all.

There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24 (NLT)

Faithful are the wounds of a friend.

Proverbs 27:6 (NASB)

God's faithfulness is where it begins.

²² The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. ²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Lamentations 3:22-23 (NLT)

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

1 John 1:9 (NLT)

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BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

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NRSV – New Revised Standard Version

NLT – New Living Translation