

David and Jonathan

God's intent, the world's lies

Text: 1 Samuel 18-20

1) Although David and Jonathan were two of the most renowned warriors in Israel, they had a pure brotherhood love for each other.

1 Samuel 18: "1 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 to his father's house. 3 And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself."

2) Jonathan, Saul's son and heir to the throne, symbolically gave over his rights to the throne→he knew the LORD's plans were greater than his father's plans.

1 Samuel 18: "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."

3) Jonathan looked out for David, even if it meant betraying his father, who had been overtaken by evil and jealousy.

1 Samuel 19: "2 But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David, and he told David, "Saul my father is seeking to kill you. Now therefore, take heed to yourself in the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide yourself."

4) True brothers reaffirmed their love for each other by words and actions.

1 Samuel 20: "17 And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself."

5) Two friends, one step from death, outwardly expressed brotherly love.

1 Samuel 20: "41 After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most.

****The interaction was not physical intimacy, but instead reflected customs of their time.**

42 Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.' Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town."

David would never see Jonathan again.

Don't believe the world's lies. Brothers in Christ have been taught to never show love to each other for fear of appearing homosexual. We obviously need common sense, but if the devil can keep brothers from loving each other, we lose unity in the body of Christ! The devil knows he can more easily take them/us down one by one. Thugs and gangsters have been known for giving each other a hug for decades, and we wonder why they are so united and effective in criminal acts. Remember, we can have brother/brother and father/son relationships! Most men who don't receive brotherly love from other men look for it sexually from women, pornography, or other men, resulting in pain/regret. May we have healthy brotherhood in small group this year!