

# PATHFINDERS

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### DAVID, SAUL AND JONATHAN 17/05/20



<p>Intro...</p>	<p><i>David, God's chosen but not-yet king, defeated the Philistine champion Goliath. Saul was still on the throne but becoming more and more paranoid and unstable. How will Saul react to David's victory? How will Jonathan, Saul's son, react to the person who might take his place as the successor to his father as king of Israel? Let's find out...</i></p>
<p>Read...</p>	<p><i>1 Samuel 18-20 - or listen to it here. Find out what happens next - friendship, jealousy, rage, plots, escape - a lot happens!</i> <a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/mclean/niv/1Sam.18-1Sam.20">https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/mclean/niv/1Sam.18-1Sam.20</a></p> <p><i>If you want a short weird cartoon summary of some of the story watch this!</i></p>  <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZ2hRq-ei0U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pZ2hRq-ei0U</a></p>
<p>Watch...</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhHRvBN1q7Q">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hhHRvBN1q7Q</a></p> <p><i>A 10 minute video on lessons we can learn from today's story about being a good friend. There is more to this bit of the bible than that...but copying David and Jonathan's model of loyal friendship is a good place to start!</i></p>
<p>Listen...</p>	<p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONYUM3v35S4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONYUM3v35S4</a></p> 

	<p><i>A great song by Rend Collective "You will never run away!" We may not have a friend like David or Jonathan - good friends can be hard to find - but Jesus is always with us, the closest and most loyal friend who will never leave us!</i></p>
<p><b>Think...</b></p>	<p><i>What did Saul feel about David? Why? 18:6-8</i>  <i>Saul wanted to kill David - how did Saul's son react and why? 19:1-2</i>  <i>Saul promised he would not hurt David, but later threw a spear at him! 19:9-10</i>  <i>David escaped and was on the run from Saul. Jonathan still stood by David. 20:3-4.</i>  <i>Jonathan would have expected to be king after his father. But ...he knew that David was the promised and anointed king that God had chosen to replace his father. He knew that David had done nothing wrong. He knew that even though David was an outlaw on the run, he would be victorious because God had promised it! Sticking with David was worth the risk - he was also his friend! 20:13-16.</i>  <i>Jonathan helped David escape.</i></p> <p><i>David points us to Jesus...</i></p> <p><i>Jesus was David's promised descendant (as we'll see in a future session!) who would reign forever. He looked like an outlaw not a king. He did nothing wrong, but the rulers plotted to kill him. He was victorious as God promised.</i></p> <p><i>Will you stick with King Jesus, like Jonathan stuck with David even when it is hard?</i>  <i>When do you find it hardest to be a loyal friend to Jesus?</i>  <i>Don't forget - even when we let him down, he will never let us down.</i></p>
<p><b>Pray...</b></p>	<p><i>Read through psalm 11 - another song written by David. You can listen to it here.</i>  <a href="https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/mclean/niv/Ps.11">https://www.biblegateway.com/audio/mclean/niv/Ps.11</a></p> <p><i>David had been treated unjustly - but he knew God is totally fair. Talk to God about anything you feel is unfair in your life. V7</i></p>

*David was on the run v1-3. Everything was uncertain and scary - sometimes the world can feel like that to us...but David knew that God never changes v4. He is still in control - the king of the whole world. Talk to God about how you are feeling at the moment. Remember that God is in control of everything however confusing and uncertain things might be. Talk to him. Trust him!*