

Faithful Friends

1 Samuel 20

TAG Teams Lesson

Week of January 10, 2010

1. **Read 1 Samuel 20:1-17. Jonathan and David, close friends who loved the Lord, discussed David's situation. The two viewed the problem differently. How did David describe the problem? (vv. 1, 3).**

2. **How did Jonathan view it? (vv. 2, 9).**

3. **What test is set up to determine the true facts? (vv. 5-7). What attitude toward God does such a test reflect?**

4. **Even though Jonathan disagreed with David, what was his consistent attitude toward him? Support your answer.**

5. **Think of your close friends. Write out a "principle of friendship" that you have learned from this passage and that you intend to follow in these two relationships.**

6. **One of the most touching private conversations recorded in Scripture takes place between these two friends, Jonathan and David. In vv. 11-17, what does Jonathan indicate he knows about David's future? Might this have caused Jonathan to be jealous?**

7. **Does it seem that the evil of Saul's heart had influenced his son Jonathan? Explain and support your answer.**

8. **What did Jonathan promise to do for his friend? (vv. 12-13).**

9. Read 1 Samuel 20:18-42. Whom did David and Jonathan acknowledge as being in control of their “test of truth?” (vv. 18-22). What does this indicate about them?

10. In being faithful to David, what did Jonathan risk? During the test, how did God open Jonathan’s eyes to the truth? (vv. 30-34).

11. In what ways did God use Jonathan to help and encourage David? (vv. 24-42).

12. In being loyal to his friend, did Jonathan “tear down” his father? Support you answer.

13. Though God’s direction was clear, how did David feel about leaving?

14. What reasons might David have had for crying?

15. Can you remember a time in your life when the “arrow” fell in a direction opposite from what you had hoped? Describe your emotions. How did God encourage you?
