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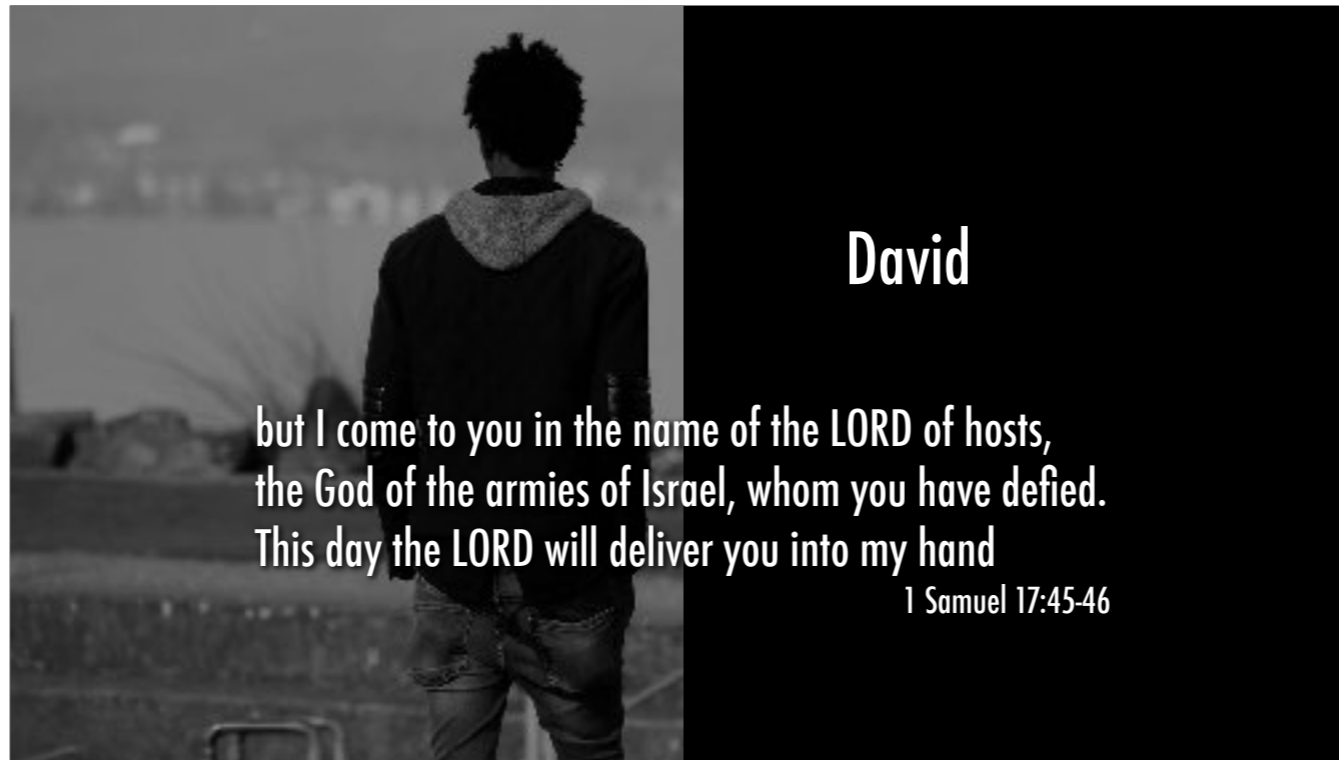
- Jonathan was a brave man: 1 Samuel 14:6-15
- 6 Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, “Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few.”
 - 7 And his armor-bearer said to him, “Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I am with you heart and soul.”
- And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, “Come up after me, for the LORD has given them into the hand of Israel.”

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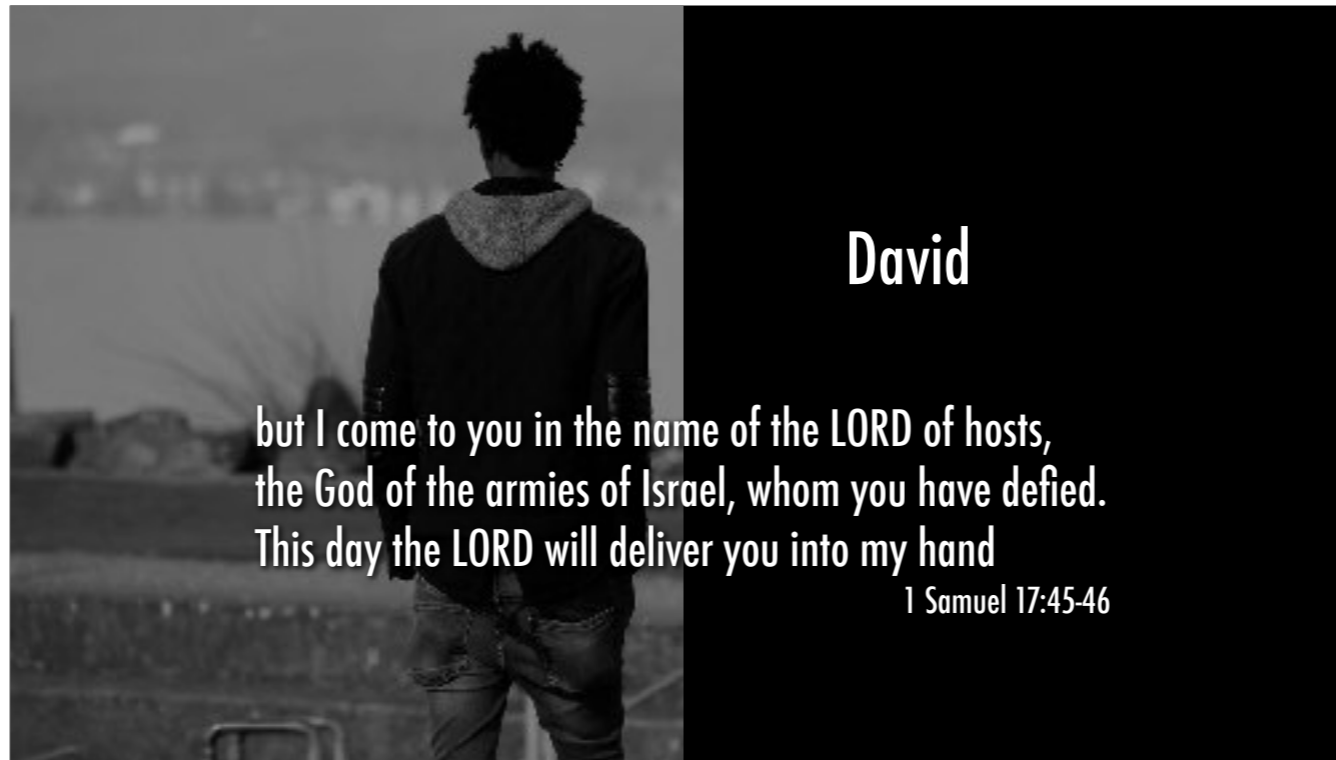
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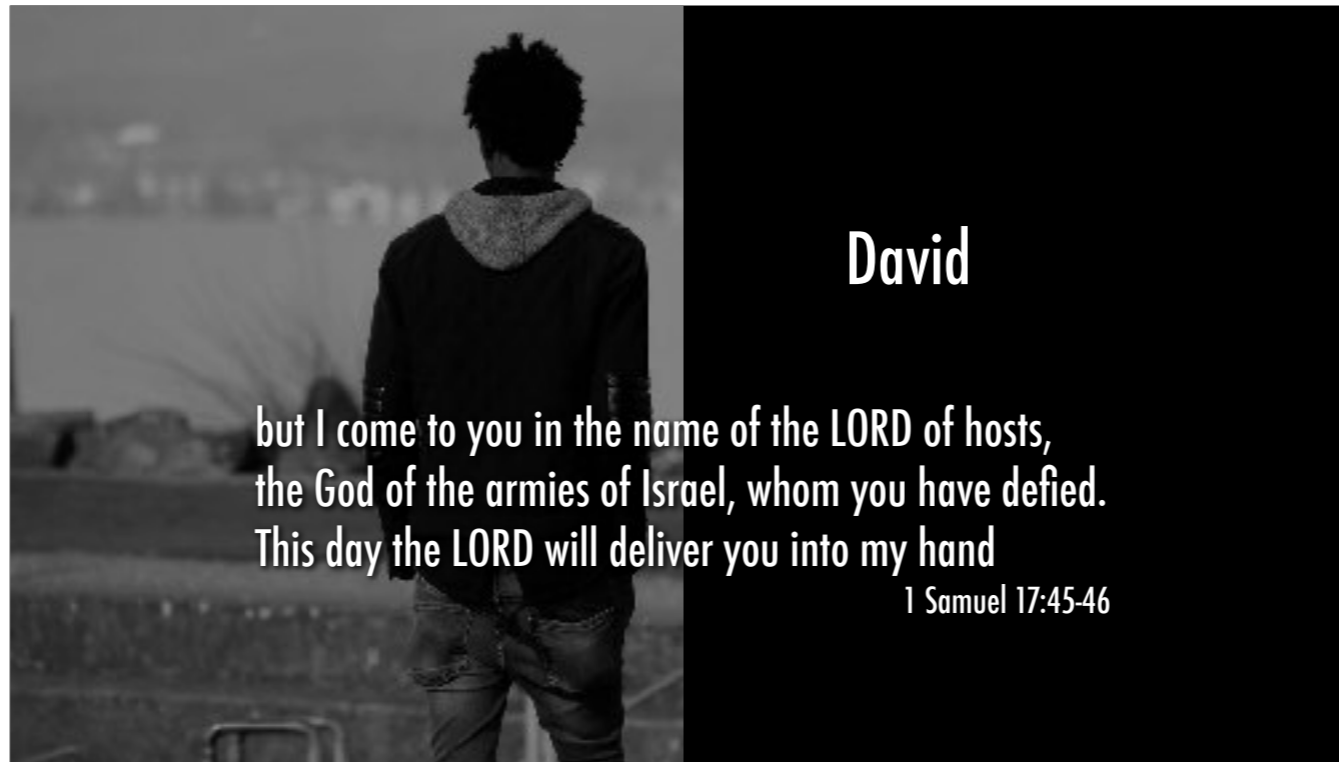
- 14 And that first strike, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, killed about twenty men within as it were half a furrow's length in an acre of land.
- 15 And there was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people.
- The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great panic.



- 1 Samuel 17:37 And David said, “The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you!”



- 1 Samuel 17:45-47 (ESV) 45 Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that the LORD saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the LORD’S, and he will give you into our hand.”



David

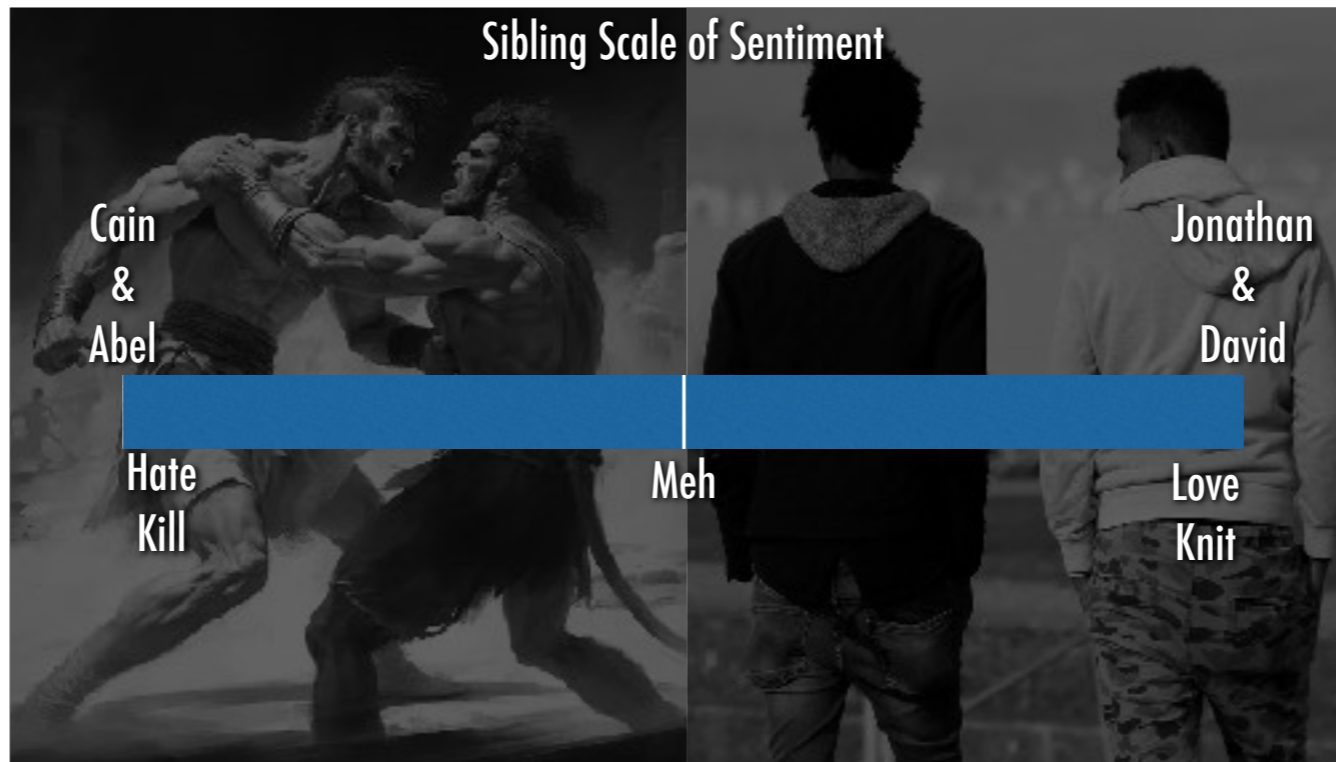
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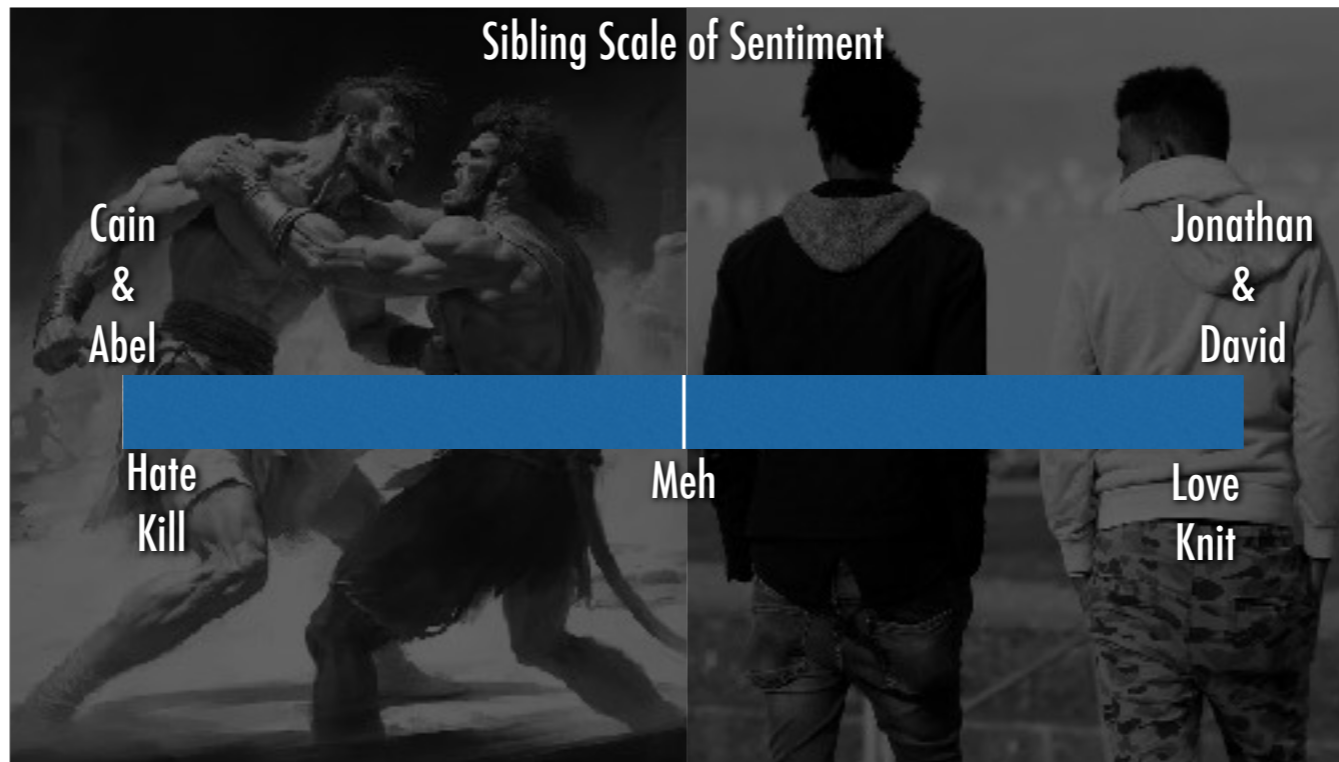
- 1 Samuel 17:48 (ESV) 48 When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.



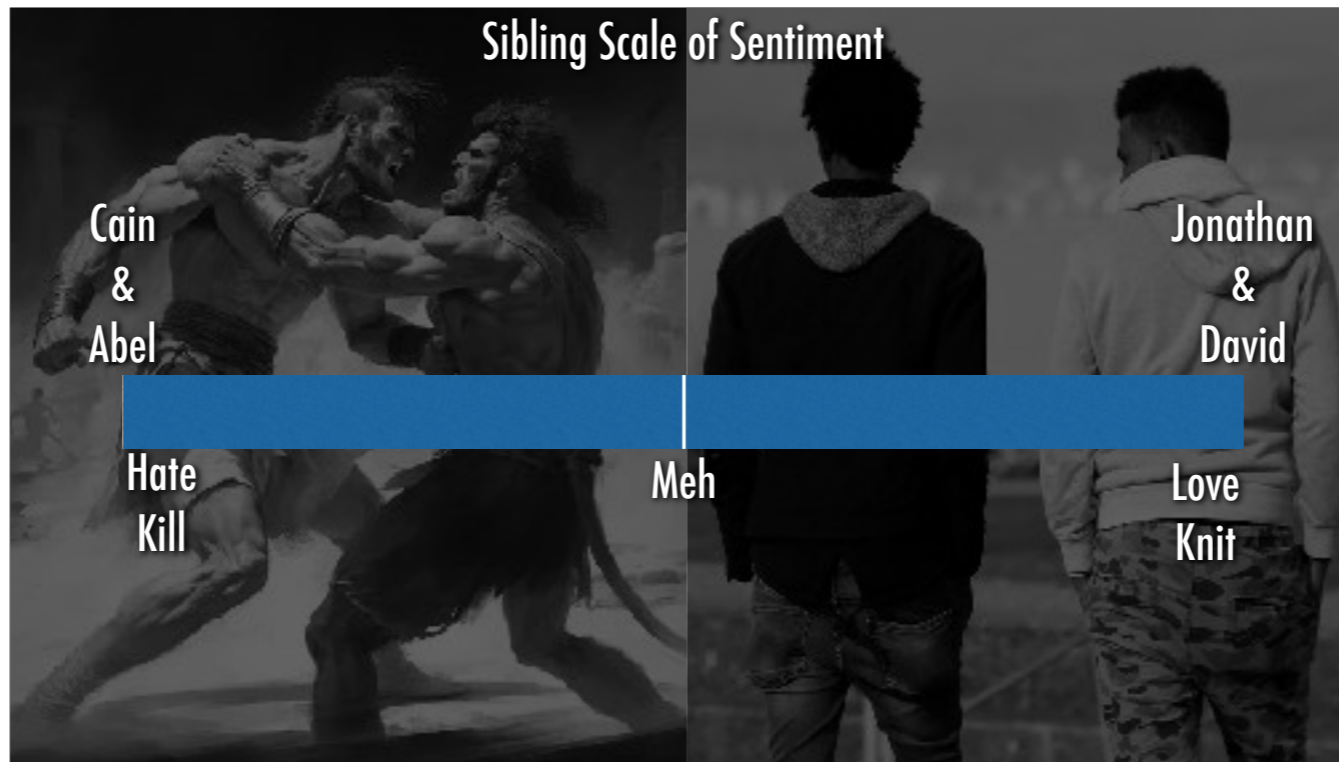
- 1 Samuel 17:57-58 (ESV) 57 And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. 58 And Saul said to him, “Whose son are you, young man?” And David answered, “I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite.”
- 1 Samuel 18:1 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.



- Cain and Abel is one extreme. At least on Cain's part.
 - Most relationships don't devolve to this level.
 - But sometimes ...
- Jonathan and David is the other extreme.
 - Most relationships don't achieve this type of companionship



- As you consider your relationship with members of this congregation, where do you see your sentiment for them on this scale.
 - Each one is different, but all together where would the average be?
- Do you think this is what Jesus wanted his sibling relationship to be like?
 - Without thinking that we all need to be at the Jonathan/David level
 - What do Jonathan and David teach us so that we can grow in our relationships?



- For most of us, our relationships revolve around our assemblies. Maybe a few occasions outside that.
- But most of the time in our assemblies is looking at the back of each other's heads, or down in our song books, separated from each other
- Hebrews 3:12-13 (ESV) 12 Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13 But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.



- Be Intentional
- 1 Samuel 20:30 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?"



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 - What did Jonathan hear from David?
 - Was it the humility of the reply (“the son of your servant” (17:58))?
 - Was it that he had seen that their trust in Jehovah was very similar
 - and lead to works that demonstrated that faith in him.
- 1 Samuel 13:14: The Lord has sought out a man after his own heart,
 - 1 Samuel 16:7: For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”
- Just as God chose David for his heart, his character. Jonathan heard David’s heart too.



- 1 Samuel 18:4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.
 - This was more than just giving some things to David.
 - Jonathan was the prince ... next in line for the throne ... and he honored David greatly.
 - This was not casual.



- 1 Samuel 20:3 But David vowed again, saying, “Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he thinks, ‘Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.’ But truly, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.”
 - (CWSB Dictionary) the word conveys a sense of acceptance or preference in a more general manner
 - Jonathan’s relationship with David was so clear that Saul recognized it.
 - They made choices to be together, do together.



- Be Faithful
- 1 Samuel 18:3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.
 - Mention 3 other times.
 - **Deal kindly:** 1 Samuel 20:8 Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is guilt in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?"



- 1 Samuel 20:4 (ESV) 4 Then Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you say, I will do for you.”
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- Love
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 - 1 Samuel 20:17 (ESV) 17 And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him **as he loved his own soul**.



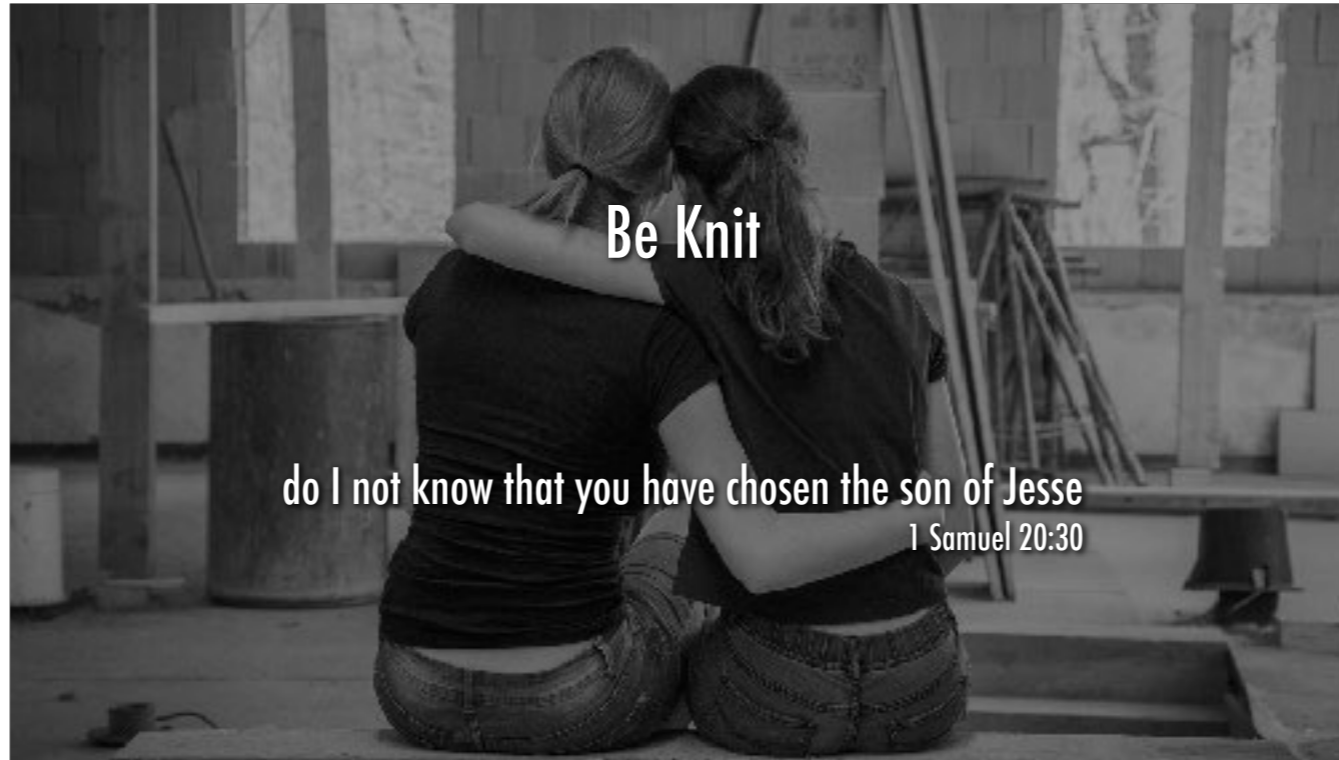
- Delight Much In
 - 1 Samuel 19:1 And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David.
- Steadfast Love (Covenant, Enduring)
 - 1 Samuel 20:14-15 (ESV) 14 If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the LORD, that I may not die; 15 and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.”



- Caring
 - 1 Samuel 20:41 (ESV) 41 And as soon as the boy had gone, David rose from beside the stone heap and fell on his face to the ground and bowed three times. And they kissed one another and wept with one another, David weeping the most.

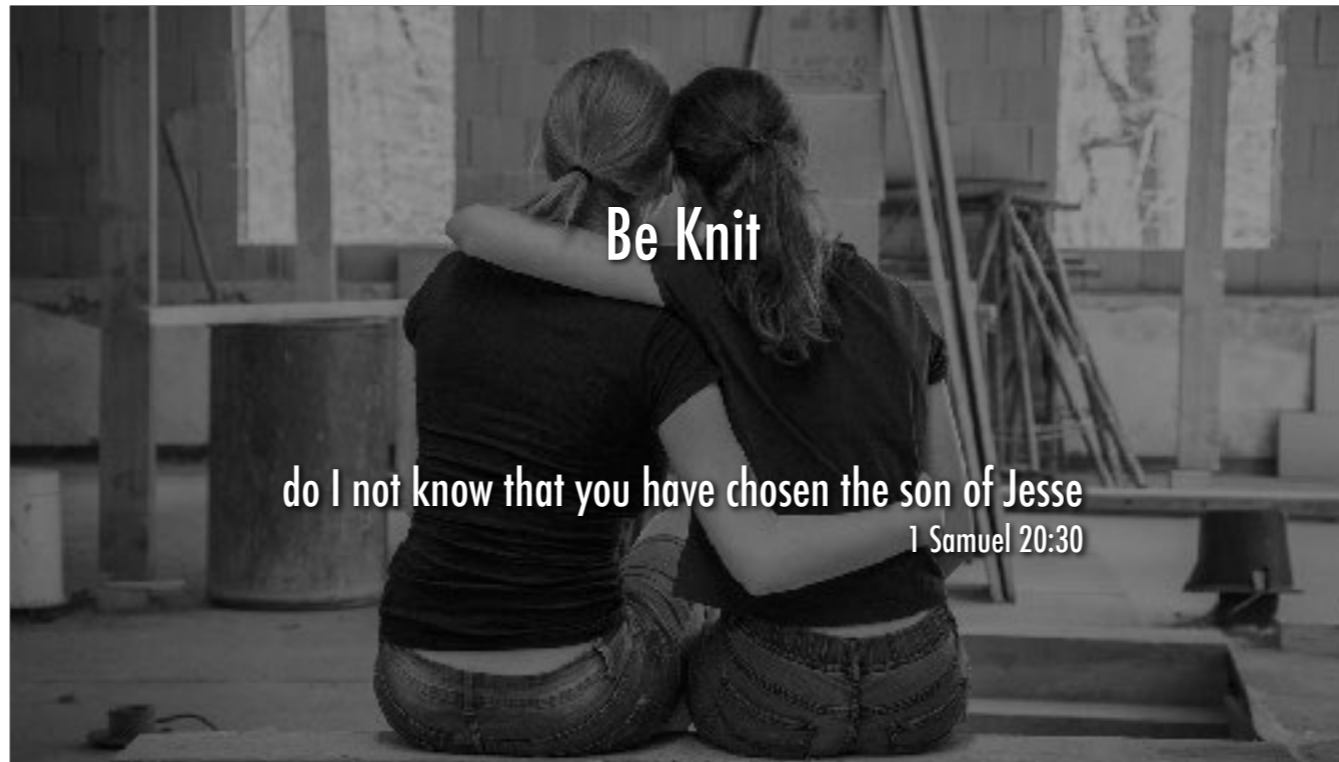


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- Spoke Well of David
 - 1 Samuel 19:4 (ESV) 4 And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you.



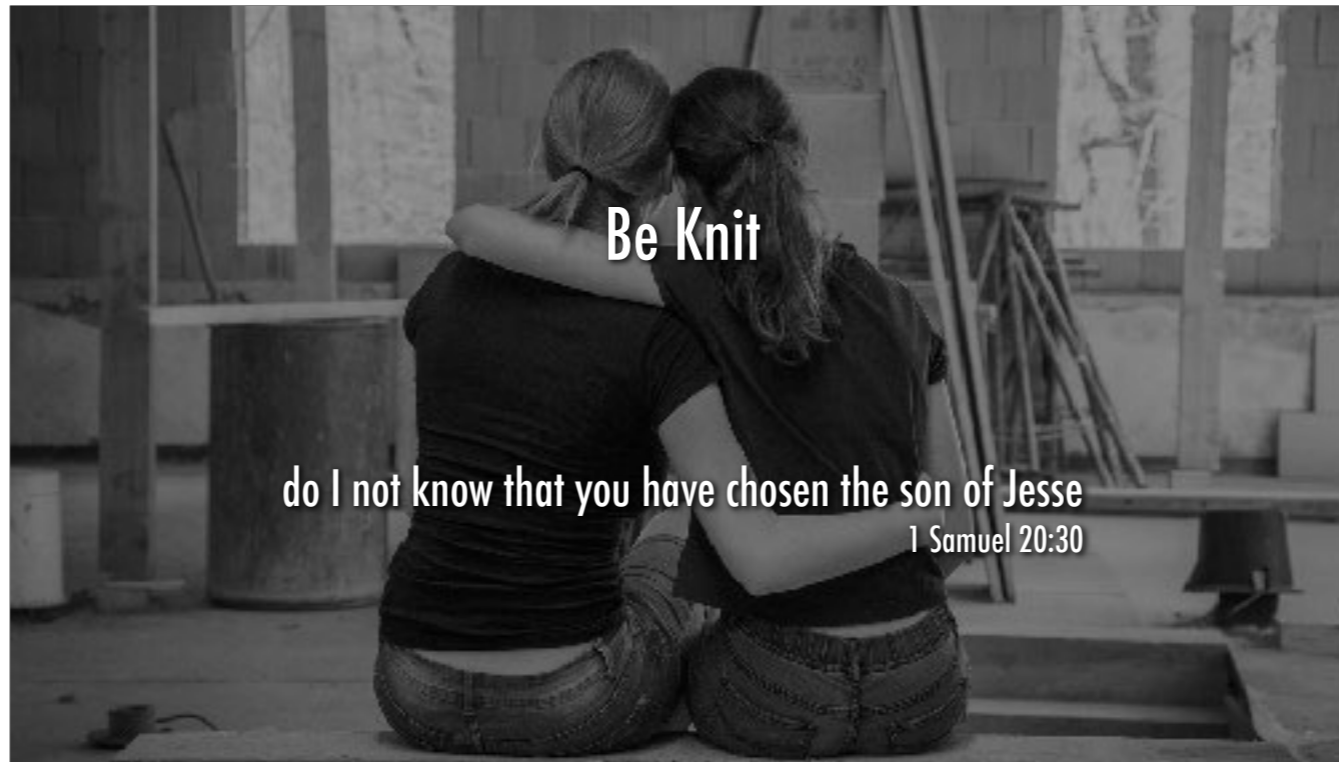
- Go in Safety (against Saul)

- 1 Samuel 20:13 (ESV) 13 But should it please my father to do you harm, the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also if I do not disclose it to you and send you away, that you may go in safety. May the LORD be with you, as he has been with my father.



- Anger at plans to kill David, Grieved

- 1 Samuel 20:30-34 (ESV) 30 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? 31 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." 32 Then Jonathan answered Saul his father, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" 33 But Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him. So Jonathan knew that his father was determined to put David to death. 34 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.



- Strengthened his hand in God

- 1 Samuel 23:16-18 (ESV) 16 And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. 17 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." 18 And the two of them made a covenant before the LORD. David remained at Horesh, and Jonathan went home.



- This should not be interpreted to mean that we can only have friendships and relationships with our siblings in Christ.
- This should be a reminder that we can have deeper relationships with each other and we should seek opportunities to grow closer because of our common salvation and faith.

Let brotherly love continue.

Hebrews 13:1

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We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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