

Men's Meeting

May 28, 2014

Abraham

For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

Genesis 18:19

Joshua

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

Godly Man Ceaseth

Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

Psalm 12:1

Find a Man

Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that executeth judgment, that seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.

Jeremiah 5:1

One Good Man

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.

Ezekiel 22:30

Quit You Like Men

Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

I Corinthians 16:13

Only One Gets the Prize

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

I Corinthians 9:24

David or Saul

Every choice you make each day
tends toward one or the other

18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

- What caused Jonathan to love David?
- Was it ordinary for a prince to love a competitor?
- What Proverb addresses this phenomenon?
- What Proverb teaches this should be your goal?

18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

- Whose love drove the covenant initially?
- Was this initiating love upward or downward?
- Would it have been as effective the other direction?
- Is there a mutual covenant among us as brethren?

18:5 And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

- What could have hindered David's submission?
- Is wisdom coincidental, circumstantial, or a choice?
- Is it possible to please everyone and competitors?
- What rule of Proverbs, Samuel, and Jesus applies?

18:11 And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence twice.

- Where does confusion and every evil work come from?
- What did Jesus teach violated the Sixth Command?
- Can a sin of the heart actually create such bitterness?
- Success includes avoiding enemies. Who helped David?

18:12 And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

- Was Saul's fear of David rational or irrational?
- Should we resent or love those closest to the Lord?
- Can God leave you and go to bless your adversary?
- What is the most important element for success?

18:14 And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him.

- Repeat question – Is wisdom a choice?
- How much of David's life did he live by wisdom?
- Was the LORD with David because of his wisdom?
- Was the LORD with David causing his wisdom?

18:16 But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

- Is it possible to win the love of all the people?
- Is it desirable to worry about such a lofty goal?
- Is it easier to win love from highness or lowness?
- Which trumps? Haughty aloofness or cheerful service?

18:18 And David said unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king?

- Could David have felt worthy of Saul's daughter Merab?
- Was David short of, equal to, or beyond humility?
- Is humility important for God, graciousness, and men?
- If you try to protect your interests, what may happen?

18:23 And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

- Did Saul's fraud concerning Merab change David?
- Did Saul's flattery concerning David affect him?
- Did Saul's servants love David? Did that affect him?
- Was David short of, equal to, or beyond humility?

18:26 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

- What caused David's great change of heart here?
- Can you distinguish presumption and performance?
- Should you presume or wait on your performance?
- Losers think more highly of their persons than what?

18:27 Wherefore David arose and went ... and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

- When David had a job to do, how well did he do it?
- Could he have said he did not need to prove himself?
- Was David conscious of proper accounting for jobs?
- Is it worth going above and beyond the call of duty?

18:28 And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him.

- Can things get worse when you do not obey God?
- How good did it make Saul feel to see God's favorite?
- How good did it make Saul feel to see Michal's loyalty?
- What had David continued to do causing both?

18:30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

- Why would the Philistines go forth against Israel?
- Had anything changed in David's ability against them?
- Can God make up for inferior training and experience?
- Is this ending a godly goal? Does it compare to your job?

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