

DAVID AND JONATHAN

What a Covenant Friendship Looks Like

The Life of David, IV

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INTRODUCTION

I. IN THE WAKE OF GIANT KILLING ~ 20:1-3

II. IN THE NAME OF YAHWEH ~ 20:4-11

“HESSED”

8 Therefore deal kindly (Hessed) with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you

RSV, NASV, and ESV render hessed = “**deal kindly.**”

New Jerusalem Bible = “**show faithful love.**”

Seen 250 times in the OT.

KJV = typically translates it “**mercy.**”

RSV = typically translates it “**steadfast love.**”

NASV = typically translates it “**lovingkindness.**”

NIV = typically translates it “**love.**”

It’s like combining love and compassion and affection
with loyalty and reliability and faithfulness.

It’s more than love; it’s loyal love.

It’s more than kindness; it’s dependable kindness.

It’s more than affection; it’s committed affection.

And this is the love David expects from Jonathan because he knows Jonathan has made the covenant in the name of Yahweh ~ the very One Who is rich in *hessed* love!!!

Rich in fidelity!!! Full of grace and truth!!! [John 1:14]

III. IN THE HEARING OF PROMISES MADE ~ 20:12-17

IV. IN THE JEOPARDY OF DECEPTION ~ 20:18-40

V. IN THE HEAT OF AN EMOTIONAL FAREWELL ~ 20:41-42

CONCLUSION

I. WE ENJOY PEACE. PEACE WITH GOD.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ Romans 5:1

And we know what it is to have peace with God and at the same time affliction.

Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance. ~ Romans 5:3

II. AND HE INVITES YOU INTO HIS PEACE ... PEACE WHEN PEACE IS SO HARD TO COME BY.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. ~ Matthew 11:28

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink." ~ John 7:37

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. ~ John 8:12

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him. ~ John 3:36

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ~ John 11:25-26

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. ~ John 5:24