

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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1 Samuel 20

1. What happened in our last Bible Study in chapter 19?
 - a. Saul ordered that David be killed.
 - b. Jonathan advocated for David.
 - c. David came back to Saul, but soon Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear.
 - d. David made his escape and joined Samuel at Ramah.
 - e. Saul sent men to capture David, but everyone he sent began to prophesy when they came into the presence of Samuel and the other prophets.
 - f. Saul came himself to find David but began prophesying and stripped naked...not sure what kind of prophesy that was.

2. What happened in 20:1-4?
 - a. David fled again.
 - b. David went to Jonathan and asked, "What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to kill me?"
 - c. Jonathan seems to be delusional and in denial about his father's motives.
 - d. David told Jonathan that Saul is hiding things from him since he knows that David and Jonathan are close.
 - e. Jonathan offers to do for David whatever he wants.

3. What did David ask Jonathan to do in 20:5-8?
 - a. David asked Jonathan to go to the New Moon feast and test Saul's motives.
 - b. David proposed that he would go hide and not go to the feast. If Saul missed him and asked Jonathan where he is, Jonathan was to say that David asked permission to go to Bethlehem to a sacrifice with his clan.
 - c. David suggests that if Saul is ok with David's absence, then David is safe but if Saul loses his temper, Saul is indeed trying to harm David.
 - d. David also asks Jonathan to kill him himself if he is guilty of anything.

4. How does Jonathan respond, according to 20:9-23?
 - a. Never, if I knew that my father was trying to harm you, wouldn't I tell you?
 - b. He swore that within two days, he would sound his father out and send word to David.
 - c. Jonathan asks David to show kindness to him even when the Lord has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth. He seems to know that David will someday have authority to choose what happens to him.
 - d. Jonathan sets up a signal whereby he can let David know the results of his inquiry.

5. What happened at the festival, according to 20:24-31?
 - a. Saul said nothing the first day, assuming that David must have been ceremonially unclean and unable to attend.
 - b. The second day, Saul asked why David had not been there.
 - c. Jonathan answered as he and David had planned.
 - d. Saul's anger flared up and he called Jonathan names and accused him of siding with David against his own family.
 - e. Saul said that David must die for as long as he lives, Jonathan's kingdom will not be established.

6. What happened in 20:32-33 when Jonathan asked why David must die? _____

How did Jonathan respond in verse 34? _____
Do we exhibit the same integrity and loyalty that Jonathan does in this story? _____