Jonathan – The Man Who Would Be King

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INTRODUCTION

- Jonathan was made to be king. … he was born the prince of Israel.
- He is one of the most selfless men found anywhere in the scriptures.

1 The Lord Is Not Restrained to Deliver by Many

1 Samuel 14:6; 1 Samuel 14:10; 1 Samuel 14:12

- But if they say, come up to us, we'll go up, for the Lord has given them into our hands, and this shall be the sign to us.
- The people of God are never going to be a majority in this world.
- We embed in the hearts of children that you and God are enough. That you don't have to follow a crowd to do right.
- Jonathan knows that the Lord can deliver by a handful, by one, by a few, and is not restrained to deliver by many.

2 Jonathan Is the Hero in This Story

1 Samuel 14:24; 1 Samuel 14:29–30; 1 Samuel 14:44–45

- Look at the contrast between Jonathan and Saul. … Saul's made this personal. And it's all about his glory.
- My father has troubled the land. See now how my eyes have brightened because I tasted a little of this honey?
- Sometimes we can put impositions on people that when they get weary of it and cast it off, they go to the extreme.
- Must Jonathan die, who has brought about this great deliverance in Israel? Far from it.

3 The Soul of Jonathan Was Knit to David

John 15:15

- The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself.
- Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.
- It's not wrong for men to say they love a friend.
- Find people whose souls are knit to yours. Share spiritual life together.

4 I Trust You With My Life

- Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.
- Here's what he's saying. I trust you with my life.
- God's people need to be transparent and vulnerable to each other.
- We need to turn the weapons of our self-sufficiency over to somebody else and say, Help me.

5 He Is Willing to Be Second

- I know the kingdom is yours, and I'll be second. He's willing to do that. He is willing to be second.
- There is no telling how many things could be accomplished if nobody cares who gets the credit.
- Rejoice with those who rejoice. I don't need to be jealous of those who rejoice.
- Being second isn't bad. Because being second indicates who was first.

6 Even When His Father's Wrong, He's Still His Father

2 Samuel 1:23; 2 Samuel 1:25–26

- Even when his father's wrong, he's still his father.
- Your children can be wrong. And you need to tell them when they're wrong. But you also need to remember they are your children.
- It is vital not that we coddle, condone or ignore the wrongs of our brothers or sisters, but it is vital that they know they are always welcome back.
- Saul and Jonathan, beloved and pleasant in their life, and in their death they were not parted.

THE CHALLENGE

The King is Jesus. We are subjects. Make him Lord of your life and your heart. Come follow him with us.

MY NOTES