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1 Samuel 18:13-21

1. Saul's "driving passion" was to be loved, honored, by the people.
David's "driving passion" was to be loved, honored, by the Living God.
Jonathan's "driving passion" was:
 - To fulfill his rightful role as crown prince and ultimately assume the role as king?
 - To emulate his father's "power" right and the expectation of acceptance?
 - To be loved by the Living God, to love Him ... even though this love was directed in a priority?

Is there anything in these chapters that would cast doubt on Jonathan's integrity in regard to his love for David and his preparedness to pay an awesome price for it? Some commentators say that Jonathan's record is at a higher level of integrity than that of David.
2. Discuss Tim's reference to Leighton Ford's counsel, "Spend time with people who, when you leave them, drive you to spend more time with Jesus." Does he mean to "exclusively" relate to such people at the cost of relating to people for whom you see your witness as valuable.
3. Do friendships of the type Tim presented work "both ways?" Did David and Jonathan's relationship give as much to Jonathan as to David? When Jonathan "adorned" David with princely regalia ... robe, weapons and belt, what was in it for Jonathan?
4. What other such relationships are recorded for us in God's Word? Elijah and Elisha; Paul and Barnabus who else?
5. Ask your group members for any examples of relationships that may relate to this superb example. How have they been "Two-way?"