

# Divided Loyalties and Devotion

1 Samuel 19-20

***Devotion to the Lord is the way to integrate our conflicted loyalties.***

1. Saul is intent on killing David (1)
2. Jonathan mediates a peace (1-7)
3. David's success evokes Saul's jealousy (8-17)
  - a. Murder by spear
  - b. Murder by committee
  - c. Murder by capture
4. David sought refuge at Ramah (18-23)
5. David places himself in the caring hands of others (19:14-20:45)
6. David's devotion to God is shown through Jonathan's God-centered speech (20)

## **Saul's rise to royalty (Chs. 9-11)**

- 1.** Saul arrived at Ramah (9:6)
- 2.** Saul comes to a well and asks for directions to find Samuel (11)
- 3.** He prophesies with a group of prophets (10:5, 6)
- 4.** The people ask "Is Saul among the prophets?" (v 12)
- 5.** The Spirit of God comes powerfully upon Saul and invests him with authority (11:6)

## **The parody of Saul's royalty (19:22-24)**

- 1.** Saul comes to Ramah (19:22)
- 2.** Saul comes to a well and asks for directions to find Samuel (22)
- 3.** Saul prophesies with a group of prophets (23)
- 4.** The people joke "is Saul among the prophets?" (24)
- 5.** The Spirit of God comes powerfully upon Saul and strips him of his clothes (24)