



SAVED BY HIS FRIEND

1 Samuel 19:1-7: *And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. But Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David. ² And Jonathan told David, "Saul my father seeks to kill you. Therefore be on your guard in the morning. Stay in a secret place and hide yourself. ³ And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak to my father about you. And if I learn anything I will tell you." ⁴ And Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his deeds have brought good to you. ⁵ For he took his life in his hand and he struck down the Philistine, and the Lord worked a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it, and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by killing David without cause?" ⁶ And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. Saul swore, "As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death." ⁷ And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan reported to him all these things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as before.*

FAITH FRIENDS.

- ✳ **1 Samuel 14:6b** , *It may be that the Lord will work for us, for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few."*
- ✳ **1 Samuel 18:3** *Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.*
- ✳ **Proverbs 17:17:** *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."*
- ✳ **Gods uses friends.** Are you a courageous friend like Jonathan?

SAVED BY HIS LEGS

1 Samuel 19:8-10: *And there was war again. And David went out and fought with the Philistines and struck them with a great blow, so that they fled before him. ⁹ Then a harmful spirit from the Lord came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing the lyre. ¹⁰ And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall. And David fled and escaped that night.*

- ✳ **1 Samuel 18:9-11:** *And Saul eyed David from that day on. The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.*
- ✳ **Psalms 31:3-4,** *Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Keep me free from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge.*

SAVED BY HIS WIFE

1 Samuel 19:11-17: *¹¹ Saul sent messengers to David's house to watch him, that he might kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, told him, "If you do not escape with your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." ¹² So Michal let David down through the window, and he fled away and escaped. ¹³ Michal took an image and laid it on the bed and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head and covered it with the clothes. ¹⁴ And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick." ¹⁵ Then Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him." ¹⁶ And when the messengers came in, behold, the image was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head. ¹⁷ Saul said to Michal, "Why have you deceived me thus and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?" And Michal answered Saul, "He said to me, 'Let me go. Why should I kill you?'"*

PSALM 59

- ✳ **Psalm 59.** Is traditionally believed to be inspired by this short story!
- ✳ **Psalm 59:16-17:** *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress. O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.*

SAVED BY HIS GOD

1 Samuel 19:18-24: *¹⁸ Now David fled and escaped, and he came to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and lived at Naioth. ¹⁹ And it was told Saul, "Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah." ²⁰ Then Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. ²¹ When it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. ²² Then he himself went to Ramah and came to the great well that is in Secu. And he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" And one said, "Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah." ²³ And he went there to Naioth in Ramah. And the Spirit of God came upon him also, and as he went he prophesied until he came to Naioth in Ramah. ²⁴ And he too stripped off his clothes, and he too prophesied before Samuel and lay naked all that day and all that night. Thus it is said, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"*

THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROTECTS THE YOUNG SHEPHERD...

- ✳ **"Prophecy" has a big range of meaning.** Usually, it means to speak on behalf of God, but in some more rare cases it can refer to a spiritual experience, even falling into a sort of "trance."
- ✳ While Saul is "prophesying," David is escaping. The Spirit of God is David's protection.
- ✳ **Two sides emerge.** Jonathan and Michal serve David while Saul and his goons conspire to destroy David.
- ✳ "Do you see the Lord's Anointed, Jesus Christ, as a threat? Or do you see his goodness?"
- John Woodhouse
- ✳ **Luke 12:51,** *Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.*
- ✳ **John 1:11-12,** *He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him, but to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*
- ✳ **John 15:13,** *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*
- ✳ **2 Thessalonians 3:3,** *But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.*