

Bible Character series of readings – week 26

24th April – Jonathan

Monday: 1 Samuel 14:1-14. Heroic faith: Jonathan affirms his faith three times in this passage in verses 6, 10 and 12, and so reveals the source of his courage. Do you exercise faith when your natural reaction would be to be fearful?

Tuesday: 1 Samuel 14:24-45. An impulsive oath: Was Jonathan right to criticise his father publicly? Were the troops right to ignore the oath? Whatever you may think, the writer simply reveals the contrast between Saul's impulsive nature and Jonathan's confident faith.

Wednesday: 1 Samuel 18:1-15. Friendship: Jonathan and David had a friendship that was based upon their similar interests and mutual admiration of each other's courage, but also a spiritual bond (v1). Pray for your closest friends today.

Thursday: 1 Samuel 19:1-7. Family and friendship: You can choose your friends but not your family! Jonathan honoured his father even when he disagreed with him and managed to remain faithful to his friend also. Do you follow his example?

Friday: 1 Samuel 23: 1-18. Encouragement: Verses 16-18 are an example of Jonathan showing true friendship by encouraging David. What can you do to show friendship and encourage someone today?