**INCLUSIVE LOVE O C T O B E R 0 4, 2 0 2 0 1 SAMUEL 19:1-7**

**S U N D A Y S C H O O L (U N I T) D A T E S C R I P T U R E**

**Lesson Title: “A True Friend Intervenes” Lesson 1 of 13 Lesson 1 of 4 of this Unit**

**I. TALK ABOUT INTRO THE LESSON AND THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT:**

1. This is the **first of four lessons from our unit, “Inclusive Love,” and it is on the only lesson from 1 Samuel. In the Hebrew Bible, first and second Samuel is one book. In** the *Septuagint, the early Greek translation of the Bible and* the Latin *Vulgate,* it is called the **First and Second Books of Kings**.
2. The early portion of the First Book of Samuel down to the end of the twenty-fourth chapter was probably written by Samuel; while the rest of the first book and the Second are commonly ascribed to the prophet Nathan and Gad.
3. **First Samuel gets its name from its name sake, “Samuel**.” Samuel was the son that Hannah prayed for in the temple and the prophet Eli heard her praying and thought she was drunk because as she prayed from the depth of heart, the Bible said her lips were moving, but you could hear no sound.
4. **In today’s lesson, we see how Israel’s first King, Saul urges his Jonathan and his servants to assassinate David, God’s newly, assigned, and anointed king. But because of Jonathan’s close affection and admiration of David, Jonathan reveals to David His father’s plan—“That’s what friends are for.”**

**E. CENTRAL TRUTH OF THE LESSON.** **Sometimes, it is very difficult to determine the right course of action because of our love, loyalty, and friendship. I pray that I will make the right decision based on what is fair, just, and righteous, and not based on my friendship or my party loyalty—right is right if no one is doing, and so is wrong, even if everyone is doing the wrong thing.**

**E**. **INTRO TO LESSON: *Have you ever kept a secret from one of your closes friends, or better yet, have you conspired to do harm to someone, you claimed to have a close relationship with?***

***MAIN THOUGHT. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. (Genesis 45:5, KJV).***

# II. TRUTH’S OF THE LESSON: (What thoughts and principles are conveyed per section)

# A KING ON THE WARPATH [1 SAMUEL 19:1-3] I pray that everyone of us have such a relationship with our “so called friends “ or a family member that we not only desires the best for them, but we will not do anything to harm them, or we will do our best to warn them of harm, even if it threatens our loyalty.

# THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FRIEND [1 SAMUEL 19:4-5] Sometimes our loyalty and our friendship are threatened by ill-fated jealousy and senseless envy, even then, we should always seek to see the good of a person and the work they have done, not only for us, but for those we love and care for.

# RESOLUTION AND RESTORATION [1 SAMUEL 19:6-7] Often, God places person in our life who can and will serve as mediators to make sure that the work of God is not hindered or halted—for this we should be forever gratefully.

* Saul first gave way to envy, and instead of struggling against his bad feelings, nourished them. Then, when scarcely accountable for his actions, he threatened David's life; and next, with growing malice, encouraged him in dangerous undertakings, in the hope that in one of them he might be slain;
* V2) **Jonathan told David.**—The danger Jonathan saw was a very present one.
* (3) **In the field.**—No doubt some garden or quiet place, whither the king was in the habit of resorting with his friends and counselors;
* (4) **Jonathan spake good of David.**—The heir to the throne—the one above all men likely to be injured by the growing popularity of David—with great power and intense earnestness, represented to his father the king the great virtues, the unrivalled gifts, and, above all, the splendid services of the young soldier whose life Saul was so anxious to cut short.
* Saul's purpose was taking shape, and as there are always men too ready to commit crime at the bidding of a king, there was the danger that secret murder might be the quick result of Saul's open communication of his wishes to his men of war. Jonathan, therefore, warns David of the king's malice, and urges him to hide himself until he has made a last entreaty for him.
* Verses 4-7. - In the field Jonathan intercedes for David, assures his father of his friend's innocence, reminds him of his noble exploit, and of Saul's own joy at it, and beseeches him not to shed innocent blood. And Saul, fickle and selfish, yet not destitute of noble feelings, repents of his purpose, and with characteristic impetuosity takes an oath that David's life shall be spared.
* (V7) **As in times past.**—The old life went on as before, and David seemingly was received on terms of intimacy and affection by the king, but a new cause was soon supplied which again lit up the slumbering fires of jealousy in the king’s heart.

**III. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Sometimes doing the right thing cause for more love than loyalty.**

**IV. EXERCISE FOR NEXT WEEK: Lord, help me to do the right things, even if it might put a strain on my current relationship.**

**1. A KING ON THE WARPATH [1 SAMUEL 19:1-3] (KJV] 19**And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. **2**But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: **3**And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

**2. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FRIEND [1 SAMUEL 19:4-5] [KJV]** And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good: **5**For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

**3. RESOLUTION AND RESTORATION [1 SAMUEL 19:6-7] (KJV) 6**And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be slain. **7**And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

**1. A KING ON THE WARPATH [1 SAMUEL 19:1-3] (NLT) 19**Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David. But Jonathan, because of his strong affection for David, **2**told him what his father was planning. “Tomorrow morning,” he warned him, “you must find a hiding place out in the fields. **3**I’ll ask my father to go out there with me, and I’ll talk to him about you. Then I’ll tell you everything I can find out.”

**2. THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A FRIEND [1 SAMUEL 19:4-5] [NLT] 4**The next morning Jonathan spoke with his father about David, saying many good things about him. “The king must not sin against his servant David,” Jonathan said. “He’s never done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could. **5**Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the Lord brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!”

**3. RESOLUTION AND RESTORATION [1 SAMUEL 19:6-7] (NLT) 6So Saul listened to Jonathan and vowed, “As surely as the  Lord  lives, David will not be killed.” 7Afterward Jonathan called David and told him what had happened. Then he brought David to Saul, and David served in the court as before.**