

Suffering on the Path to Kingship

1 Samuel 20

The road to God's Kingdom is full of danger and pain, so...

1. *Expect Earth, not Heaven*
2. *Lean on your Christian Family*
3. *Hope in God's Promises*

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. Make a list of the things David and Jonathan suffer in this passage. Do you relate to the suffering that David and Jonathan go through in this passage? Why or why not?
2. Are there ways you act like you have a right to experience heaven right now? What happens when you do this?
3. What is Saul's response to Jonathan's friendship with David? Have you ever experienced a similar reaction from someone you loved when you let them know you stand with God's king, Jesus?
4. Would you say that your relationships with your biological and/or adopted family are closer or less close than your relationships with your church family? Why?
5. Where are the "one another's" of scripture?
Examples: John 13:34 Romans 12:16 Romans 14:19
 Romans 15:14 Galatians 5:13 Ephesians 4:2
 Ephesians 5:20 1 Thes. 4:18,1 1 Thes. 5:11
Which of these do you most struggle to engage in with your church family? Where do you feel God has gifted you the most?
6. Can you share a time when the hope of some good kept you persevering in the midst of suffering and hardship?