People of your future

One of the most known facts in the bible is how David and Jonathan loved each other as friends. Right after David won the battle with Goliath the bible speaks about their relationship.

Read 1 Sam 18, 1 Sam 19:2-6, 1 Sam 20:41-42.

David was 15 years old. Jonathan was 42.

David wrote in Psalm 27 that his parents left him. This was the only thing he ever said about their relationship. Jonathan loved David and the latter really appreciated the fatherly attention he never got.

Jonathan recognized that David had it in him to be the next king, something that the nation needed. Jonathan was sharp in the spirit, which is why he loved David like his own son.

For 14 years Jonathan trained David daily guidance in how to act in the royal court and how to fight.

Surely David fought Goliath with a slingshot, but there was a time to grow up and take the sword. Who trained David? Who was the only one who cared really about him?

You and I have Jonathans in our lives, the spiritual parents, brothers and sisters to let us grow up. When God gave Jonathan to David as a gift he grabbed his gift with open arms and committed without restraint. David was eager to commit with a covenant, because a loving prince has picked him up and drew him in.

Jonathan protected David, vouched for him. He guided him, gave him advice and strengthened him.

God has given you Jonathans too, do you commit to them? Are you obedient or do you complain and be naughty behind their backs? Do you listen to the authority God gave you As a gift?

Read 1 Cor 4:6-16.

Just like the apostle Paul did Jonathan as the senior one pay a big price to let those under them grow and advance. The ultimate price, the biggest one by far, was paid by the One who had to sacrifice the most, King Jesus.

God gave a prince to David to teach him with intense love.

King Jesus gives his children, princes and princesses to you and me to let us grow into victory and to rule in our day and age. We are to rule over nature, over the spiritual and also in the natural. Yes, we are to rule in our communities, our city and our nation.

We want God to bless us, but we often do not see that God's way of living is the opposite of the world. The world models after Satan, which is try to take what is not yours and coerce, manipulate, lie, steal, kill and destroy. John 10:10.

If we want to grow, we need to grow up as well. 1 Pet 5:1-8. 1 Joh 2:12-14. When we grow up we need to become the fathers and mothers to others. A parent knows that there is much sacrifies you have to do to protect and care for your children. It is the same with spiritual parenthood.

David was very thankful for the man God put in his life to teach and love him. We need to have the gratitude like David. We can only be successful if we are obedient. Remember the 5th commandment.

To honour your physical and spiritual parents are both requirements for prosperity, to enter into your promised land. This is the promise for possession, freedom, peace and multiplication.

God wants us to prosper, it is all over the bible. You can read a favourite here, Jer 29:11. The blessings are also in Deut 28.

Let us stand up and take our stance as children of God, as obedient sons and daughters of the house. Let's pray.

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