



Good Intentions or Intentional?

- God is super intentional!
- God was intentional with David!

1 Samuel 17:32-37 (NIV)

David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." ³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth." ³⁴ But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵ I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶ Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷ The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you."

1 Samuel 17:47 (NIV)

All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

- God is intentional with us! (Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 144:1)
- God sees how your today connects with what He has been doing in generations past and generations to come!

- God is intentional in relationships!

1 Samuel 18:1-4 (NIV)

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

- COVENANT: "to cut" (1 Samuel 20:16-17; 1 Samuel 20:42; 1 Samuel 18:4)
- If Jonathan wanted to make his throne secure, he would have sided with father, Saul.
- Jonathan chose to make his heart secure; he sided with FATHER, God! (1 Samuel 23:15-18)
- Lo Debar Hebrew meaning = no pasture; no word (2 Samuel 9:1; 2 Samuel 9:7; 2 Samuel 9:8)
- Only in covenant relationships do we experience true grace!

2 Samuel 9:11-13 (NIV)

Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons. ¹² Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. ¹³ And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet.

- God is intentional with Jesus!