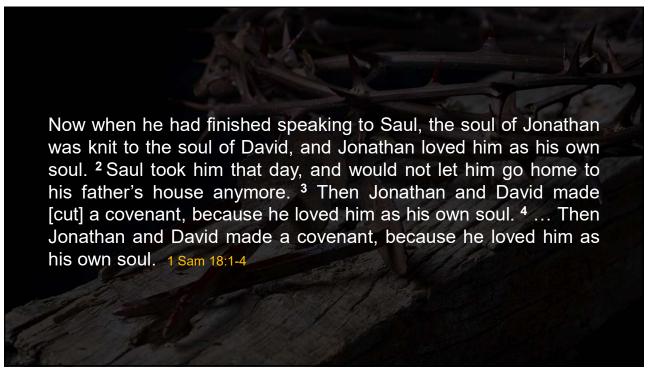
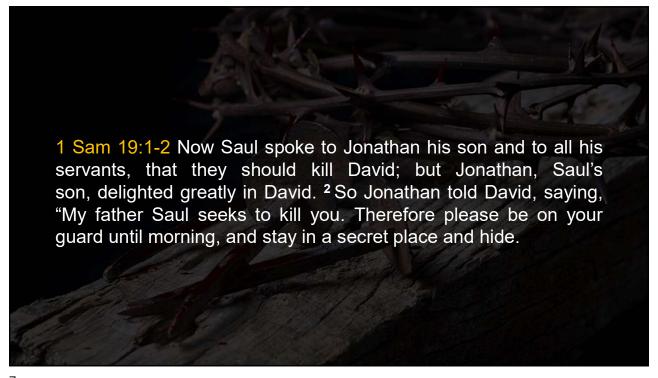


Those in covenant with God are called His friends – Abraham in covenant with God is called "the friend of God" (Js 2:23) Jesus called His followers "friends" (Jn 15:15) This friendship is often referred to as "loving kindness"







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2 Sam 9:1-5 Now David said, "Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" ² And there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba. So when they had called him to David, the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "At your service!" ³ Then the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of God?" And Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan [Mephibosheth] who is lame in his feet." ⁴ So the king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo Debar." ⁵ Then King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo Debar. (2 Sam 4:4)



