

Jonathan: Courageous Friendship

ILLUSTRATED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Scripture—I Samuel 14:1-46; 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:1-42; 28:15-48; II Samuel 1:17-27.



Jonathan first learned to love David the day David slew Goliath, the Philistine, in battle. Then and there "the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David and he loved him as his own soul."

King Saul became very jealous of David and often tried to kill him. He tried also to make his son Jonathan jealous of David. But Jonathan's love for David remained unchanged.

On one occasion Jonathan and David made a covenant of friendship with one another and arranged certain signals with the shooting of arrows to reveal Saul's attitude towards David.

Jonathan was killed with Saul in battle and David mourned for his friend, saying, "O Jonathan, I am distressed for thee, my brother." GOLDEN TEXT—Proverbs 17:17)

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"BRASS TACKS" ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

The Golden Text



Proverbs 17:17—"A friend loveth at all times."

(The International Uniform Lesson on the above topic for Sept. 18 is I Samuel 14:1-46; 18:1-4; 19:1-7; II Samuel 1:17-27, especially I Samuel 20:1-42, the Golden Text being Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loveth at all times.")

By DR. ALVIN E. BELL "HE MUST increase, but I must decrease." So said John the Baptist of Jesus when some tried to arouse in his soul a sense of jealousy over Jesus' increasing popularity. So also would Jonathan, son of Saul, have said of his friend David, "He must increase, but I must decrease." Jonathan's Soul Knit With David's. David's victory over Goliath challenged the utmost admiration of Jonathan who witnessed the conflict. Such courage and heroism he had never seen. Brave as he was himself, Jonathan had suffered Goliath's challenge to go unmet for 40 days. Then came the stripping from Bethlehem with his shepherd's sling and stones from the brook and vindicated God's cause when even Jonathan dared not to undertake the conflict, with the result that "the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul." It was their likeness of soul that made them knit together so well and so abidingly, for "no man putteth a piece of new cloth into an old garment." It was a true affinity of soul that accounts for the beautiful friendship that knitted the souls of David and Jonathan together in a pattern excelled in beauty only by the friendship of the "Friend of publicans and sinners." When Saul's jealous soul breathed out threatenings and slaughter against David, Jonathan swore al-

legiance to David, and David to Jonathan and to his seed after him: "So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David... and Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul."

"Passing the Love of Women." Of Jonathan's love David sang with all the passion and ecstasy of his poet's soul: "How are the mighty fallen in the midst of battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thy high places. I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women." Not only with feminine tenderness did Jonathan love David, but as a woman leaves all that her father hath for the love of her lover, so Jonathan forsook throne and scepter and all the glory of his father's kingdom for his love of David. "Thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to this own confusion," snarled Saul at Jonathan. "For as long as the son of Jesse liveth on the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom." Jonathan knew all this well. But what things were gain to him he counted loss for the excellency of the love he bore David.

"The Friend of Sinners." "And Jonathan stripped himself of that robe that was upon him, and gave it to David." Greater love hath no man than this, except the love Christ Jesus, the Friend of sinners, has shown to all of us and sealed with his own blood. His robe of righteousness he yielded to us; his throne of glory he left to seek and to save us that we might share his glory and reign with him. "What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest

Friend, for this Thy dying sorrow Thy pity without end! O make me Thine forever, and should I fainting be, Lord let me never, never, outlive my love to Thee!"



A LIVING SACRIFICE Romans 12:1-5 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think.

Rural Churches

MIDDLEBURG M. E. CHARGE Rev. Dwight A. Petty, Pastor. Services at Shocco at 11 o'clock Sunday morning; at Cokesbury at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon; and at Middleburg at 7:45 o'clock Sunday evening. The pastor will preach the sermons. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Cover Crops Over Entire State Urged

Daily Dispatch Bureau, In The Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—Clothing North Carolina's farm land in a green mantle this winter is the goal of a gigantic program just launched by the State College Extension Service.

From east to west, farm agents are working with farmers in mapping out a winter legume program, according to E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at the college. Among the most popular of these legumes are Austrian winter peas, hairy vetch, and crimson clover.

Scattered reports from agents in all parts of the State indicate that more of these winter cover crops will be planted this year than ever before. Listing the benefits to be derived from such crops, Blair said: "Legumes protect the land from erosion during the months of heavy winter rains; they increase the fertility of the soil when turned under in the spring; and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration will pay farmers for planting them."

Winter legumes, if planted early enough, will reduce the loss of soil from erosion and leaching. Then, too, they are of invaluable assistance in the establishment of a crop rotation best suited for soil maintenance and improvement.

In addition, the State College agronomist pointed out, these legumes provide winter and spring grazing, and spring grazing, and when incorporated with small grain give a high-

Greet State College Students



Raleigh, Sept. 16.—Before Freshman Week ends Thursday with the beginning of classwork, first year men at State College will be intimately acquainted with the four top-ranking officials pictured here. They are, left to right, top: Col. J. W. Harrison, dean of administration, and Edward L. Cloyd, dean of students; bottom, Registrar W. L. Meyer and Charles R. Lafort, assistant dean of students. These officials are heading special efforts to make the approximately 700

freshmen "feel at home" on the campus where they will spend most of the next four years. Orientation week for the newcomers began last Thursday, with several scores of State College's most outstanding students aiding the faculty in greeting the freshmen.

Total registration is expected to reach 2,300 when returning upperclassmen register Wednesday, exceeding by 200 students the record-breaking enrollment of last year.

ly desirable hay for summer feeding. Because of its wide variety of uses, crimson clover is gaining rapidly in popularity, Blair said. For instance, ten tons of crimson clover per acre will add as much organic matter to the soil as about eight tons of barnyard manure besides the large amount of nitrogen.

70 Designs Made For State's Own Christmas Cards

Raleigh, Sept. 16.—Some seventy original designs for North Carolina Christmas cards have been submitted to the State Junior Chamber of Commerce by amateur and professional artists throughout the State, it was announced here today by the committee in charge of the Christmas card project. The deadline for submission of designs has been set for October 1, and it is expected that many more will come in before that time. The cards are scheduled to be ready for distribution and sale about the first of November. So far as is known North Carolina is the first State ever

to attempt to put out its own Christmas cards, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce committees in different localities all over the state are co-operating in an effort to make a success of the project.

There is to be no connection with any commercial organization, the committee pointed out. The Junior Chamber terms the venture an effort to provide North Carolinians with a distinctive greeting card carrying unusual and beautiful designs and scenes from their native State which they will be proud to send to friends outside of the state.

Present plans call for a set of six different cards for this year, to sell for five and ten cents. The designs and scenes will be changed from year to year, so that anyone collecting the cards will eventually have an album of North-Carolina.

Governor Hoey has appointed a committee of five men and women from different sections of the state to act as judges of the designs submitted and to select the six to be used. The committee consists of Mrs. R. L. McMullan, Raleigh; Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Concord; Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt, Wilmington; Mr. E. H. Latham, Asheville; and Dallas Alford, Rocky Mount.



June Travis and Joe E. Brown in "The Gladiator"—Stevenson—Saturday Only

Dying, Mother Asks Son's Return



Mrs. Gilda Cataldo, 37 (right), of West Orange, N. J., is shown in Newark court as she sued to regain custody of son, Eugene, 10. Mrs. Cataldo claims she turned boy over to Mrs. Lena De Angelo because she went blind in giving birth to him. In a recent auto accident she regained her sight, she says, but is given only a year to live. The boy is pictured with his foster mother.

Mapping New Racket Fight



Smiling despite his setback in the Hines case, which was declared a mistrial, District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey of New York is pictured with members of his staff as he mapped a new drive on rackets. Left to right, seated, are: Charles P. Grimes, Dewey and Sol Gelb. Standing, Frank S. Hogan, Livingston Goddard and Herman McCarthy.

Two More for Senator George



Senator and Mrs. Walter F. George are pictured as they cast their vote in the Democratic primary at Atlanta, Ga. Senator George, conservative Democrat seeking reelection, incurred the strong, direct opposition of President Roosevelt.

Czech "Mailed Fist" "Small Man" Speaks



One of the "men of the hour" in troubled Europe is General Inspector Jan Syrový (above), of the Czechoslovakian army. Under his command is a small but compact and highly equipped modern Czech fighting force. Alfred P. Haske, noted Chicago economist, president, is pictured as he addressed the national small businessmen's association, at Pittsburgh. Haske asked for free enterprise in business, criticized the New Deal.

Where Seven Died in Bus-Truck Crash



A twisted and broken mass of wreckage is all that remains of the Boston-bound New York bus after it had been rammed head-on by a trailer-truck near Charlton, Mass. Seven persons died in the accident.