A FINAL ATTEMPT AT RECONCILIATION
(1 Samuel 20)

I.   SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

    A. David's RISE to PROMINENCE (1 Samuel 18)

    B. David's FALL from Saul's FAVOR (1 Samuel 19)

BIBLICAL FACTS ABOUT A GOOD FRIEND

1. A good friend _____ for you. (Job 42:10)

2. A good friend is _____. (Proverbs 17:17)

3. A good friend tells the _____ _____ when necessary. (Proverbs 27:5-6)

4. A good friend gives _____ _____. (Proverbs 27:17)

5. A good friend points you to _____. (Mark 5:19)

6. A good friend has a _____ attitude towards you. (John 15:12-13)

    C. Jonathan INTERVENES for his dear friend David (1 Samuel 20)

       1.   Upon David's return from Ramah, with Saul eventually in pursuit, he immediately _____ the _____ of his closest friend, the king's son. (20:1)

          * Was David discerning in this matter?

       2.   With the New Moon sacrifices and meal celebrations coming up, David devised a plan that would _____ the king's genuine _____ toward him. (20:5-7)

* What does this say about our hero?

* What does v. 8 reveal about David's confidence that he was innocent before the Lord?

3. Jonathan then created a strategy to give David a quick _____ to his father's positive or negative response of his _____ from the New Moon festivities. (20:11-22)

* What is reconfirmed between the two men in verses 14 through 17?

4. The first day of David's absence, Saul thought of him in a positive way, that he was merely not in attendance because he was _____ _____. (20:25-26)

* What are some examples of this according to the Torah?

5. The second day the king asked Jonathan why David was not present at the table, so he told him the rehearsed _____, and his father _____ believe him. (20:27-30)

* How did Saul try to appeal to his son's flesh (vs. 30-31)?

6. After the king attempted to _____ his own son, Jonathan figured out that his father's intentions were clearly _____ in David's best interest. (20:33-34)

7. David and Jonathan experienced a very _____ "good bye", as they once again confirmed the _____ between them. (20:41-42)

* How does this apply you personally?