

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Choices

- Jonathan chose to be loyal to David rather than his own family [1 Sam 20:30].
 - He made that choice based upon his sacrificial love for David [1 Sam 18:3].
 - His choice was in accordance with the will of God [1 Sam 13:14].
 - His choice came with much grief [1 Sam 20:34].
- Abraham chose to obey the Lord and leave his own family and homeland.
 - He was commanded to leave his land, his relatives and his father's house [Gen 12:1; Acts 7:2-3].
 - Abraham travelled to Haran with his father Terah [Gen 11:31].
 - Abraham left Haran and took Lot with him after Terah died [Acts 7:4; Gen 12:4].
- Ruth chose to follow the Lord and leave her own family and homeland [Ruth 2:11].
 - She made that choice based upon sacrificial love [Ruth 1:14-17].
 - Note that her choice was made in seeking the will of God [Ruth 1:16].
 - She was seeking refuge under the wings of God [Ruth 2:12].
- The disciples chose to follow Jesus and leave their own families and businesses [Mk 10:28].
 - Jesus promised the disciples that such choices would result in spiritual blessings, both in time and for all eternity [Mark 10:29-30].
 - Note that these are 100-fold spiritual blessings [see Mark 4:8] which include a spiritual family, along with persecutions [Mark 10:30].
- We are also called to make a choice – will we choose to love Jesus Christ even more than our own families [Matt 10:34-37]?
 - The result of loving Christ is that we will choose to follow Him [Matt 10:38].
 - Although it may seem that we have lost our life in making these choices, we will have actually found our life [Matt 10:39].