



Lesson 46 (1 Samuel 20:1-15): A Friend Indeed

Read Romans 12:14-16. How was Jonathan an example of rejoicing with those who rejoice?

How was he an example of associating with the lowly?

What might that look like in your life?

How can you rejoice with others when they have cause for rejoicing?

Consider when someone you know has had cause for rejoicing but your own disappointment or hurt made it difficult for you to rejoice with him or her. Why was that hard for you?

Whose agenda were you looking out for at that time?

Read Matthew 25:14-30. In this parable, when the master goes on his journey, he first gives his servants resources according to what? (Verse 15) Why is that important?

What was the motivating factor that led the third servant to act as he did? (verse 25)

The master responds with anger toward this third servant. Why? (Verse 27)

What happened to the one talent from that third servant?

Why would the master entrust that talent to the first servant? (Verse 29)

Read Luke 16:10-13. What does Jesus say one who is faithful with little will be?

We have all been given unique abilities and gifts that are designed for us to use to glorify God. If we aren't using those gifts to glorify God, are we being faithful with what He has given to us by God's standards?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26. In Christ, we are all one what?

Consider the "noteworthy" roles in your church. Is there a gift or task or ability that you look up to?

Is there a role that you consider as more important than others?

Is there a role that you have wanted to fill but someone else has been asked to fill that role?

What was your reaction?

Were you able to do what verse 26 tells us to, and rejoice with the one who is honored?

Is your focus on what is God's will, and what is the best for the body, or on your own glory?

As you spend time with Him today, stop and consider what gifts God has given you. You may not be able to make a fabulous meal for someone who is sick, but is there another way you can help? (Offering to clean their bathroom, watch their children for a couple of hours, do errands for them?)

There are so many tangible ways that we can bless each other as we work together as the body of Christ, and those things are not to be discounted. So, ask God to help you to see how your contribution can bless others, and ask Him to help you keep your eyes on Him as you do that. Remember, we aren't all gifted the same, but that does not make one contribution any less significant than another. Ask God to help you to be content in all circumstances and to bloom where He has planted you today.