

“It All Turns on Affection”

Exodus 20:17

There is a stark _____ between Saul and Jonathan

Jonathan is the _____ of Romans 12:15: *“Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep”*

I. Jonathan’s affections

He was the one with the most to _____

A. True love is a covenant – a _____

True love is a settled resolve to bless the loved one through _____ and _____

B. The covenant begins with _____

“We have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord” [I Samuel 20:42]

C. Covenant love prefers others

“You will be king over Israel, and I will be _____ to you.” [I Samuel 23:17]

D. Covenant love is empathetic

E. Covenant love _____

“Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

[I Corinthians 13:7]

F. Covenant love _____

Jonathan celebrates and promotes David

G. Covenant love is _____

“Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.” [I Samuel 18:4]

H. Covenant love _____

II. The Greater Jonathan’s affections

A. Our Lord empathizes with us

“I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them” [Exodus 3:8a]

B. Jesus set His affection upon us

He shows us what Romans 12:15 looks like in the real world

Such love comes at great cost

Jesus “emptied Himself of all but _____”

He willingly became vulnerable – gave up His _____

C. Jesus promises to stay with us to the very end

III. Our affections

Fix our eyes on Jesus

“He must _____, but I must decrease” [John 3:30]

Envy and love cannot comfortably _____ – one pushes out the other

“My command is this: Love each other as I have love you.”

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” [John 14:14-15]