

Day 29 – Mar. 9

Given that David is one of the stars of the entire bible, it shouldn't surprise us that everyone loves David. Yesterday, we read that Saul loved David very much as he played the harp to quiet Saul's anxiety. Today we read that Jonathan loves David very much. His father loves him, the Israelites love him... everybody loves David. And why not? David is handsome and strong, fighting bears and lions with his own hands. David is courageous enough to go up against Goliath, a Son of Anak (descendant of the Nephilim of Gen. 6) and a giant. The only ones who don't seem to love David are his jealous brothers.

If the bible were any other history book, I would expect this. We tend to write our heroes in the best light possible. But the bible is a book about God, about theology more than history, and so David is a side-player in God's story, just as you and I are. So when we read this story of David, we know that this love-fest won't last for long. Why? Because David may be one of the stars of the bible, but he's not THE star. That honor is saved for God.

So, if we're telling a story about God, we will have heroes who succeed when they follow God, and fail when they don't. And sure enough (spoiler alert!) David fits this bill perfectly. So any confusion we have in reading this story is usually because we are mistaking what this story is about. It's about God, not David, and now it makes sense.

We do this in our own lives so often. We all think we are the star of our own stories. But the reality is that God is the star, not us. We are supporting cast-members at best, and extras at times. God is the star of our story, and not only when we let Him be. Let Him be? Like we have a choice. But when we forget this and try to understand our own stories as if we were the stars, we get very confused and befuddled.

Take a look at your life today, but look at it as a story starring God, with everyone else supporting that role. See if some things come into clarity with that perspective.