



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Selections from 1 and 2 Samuel

Read and Listen to "[Where's Dusty?](#)"

[Cowboy Tales From Roaring Rapids Ranch](#)

Class Starter or Closer Discussion Questions

1. In 1 Samuel 18:1–4, Jonathan gave his robe, armor, and weapons to David.

How is Mary's willingness to lend Spirit and Freedom to Jake and Thomas similar to Jonathan's act of friendship and trust?

2. Mary hesitated "just a heartbeat" before letting Jake take the reins.

Why is it important to recognize that true generosity often involves giving up something valuable and precious to the giver?

What does this teach us about sacrifice?

3. Jake was reluctant to take Mary's horses because they were precious to her.

Why is it sometimes hard to accept help from others, even when we need it, when we know that what they are giving up is so important to them?

How can humility strengthen friendships and teamwork?

4. The men quickly followed the tracks and acted without delay.

What does this chapter teach about being ready to respond when problems arise?

How can preparation and responsibility help us face unexpected challenges?

5. In both this story and the friendship of Jonathan and David, we see trust, loyalty, and action.

What are some ways we can show these same qualities in our own relationships with friends, family, or those in need?