



## 2 Samuel 1

A man of honor is a worthy authority figure if he willingly submits to God-ordained authority in his own life. A man of honor gives honor to others or honors their God-ordained office.

### David & King Saul

1. God ordains public government for a purpose and Christians are to respond to that government in specific and biblical ways. (see Romans 13)
2. Christians are admonished to pray for those in authority. (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
3. Regardless of one's political slant, can you show respect for those who hold a political office in our nation?
4. Can you at least show respect for the office of those whose ideology we oppose?
5. Can you be bigger than that lack found in others?
6. A Faithful man transcends another's lack of morality and builds up rather than tears down.

### David & Jonathan

1. David and Israel are now without a king but David is now without his closest confidant.
2. Jonathan sacrificially stepped aside when he recognized the hand of God upon David.
3. The most difficult instrument to play in the orchestra is the "second fiddle". Can you play second in a world where most want to be first? Can you play a supporting role rather than the lead?
4. A Faithful priest doesn't call attention to himself. A man of God draws attention to God.
5. If you do not have a mentor/support person in your life what is the reason why? If you do not provide trustworthy support for another why not? There are many reasons why we are without men in our lives to help, and encourage us but not all are good reasons.

May you rise above the trivial and common today. May you show respect to others. May you both give to others and receive from others still as you walk with the Lord as a faithful priest today. Blessings/ Amen.