

RADICAL LOVE?

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¹⁹ "Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen! ²⁰ Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised exult.

²¹ "You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor fields of offerings! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, not anointed with oil. ²² "From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned not back, and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

²³ "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles; they were stronger than lions.
²⁴ "You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you luxuriously in scarlet,
who put ornaments of gold on your apparel.

²⁵ "How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! "Jonathan lies slain on your high places. ²⁶ I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was extraordinary, surpassing the love of women. ²⁷ "How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!"

Radical love...

...build bridges not walls.

• ... is not afraid to say – I am sorry.

...does not label others.

.does not pass pain on to the next generation.