

Relationslips

Friends - Week 3

"After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan become one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself... And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 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."

[1 Samuel 18:1-4]

1. We need friends.

"Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The Lord won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

[1 Samuel 19:4-5]

2. Real friends comfort and confront.

"Wounds from a friend can be trusted." [Proverbs 27:6]

"As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established."

[1 Samuel 20:31]

3. Friends should be selfless.

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."

[Proverbs 17:17]

4. Friends need to be chosen wisely.

"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

[Proverbs 13:20]

Boundaries: "putting up fences that are strong enough to keep the bad out, and gates in those fences to let the good in."

"And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God."

[1 Samuel 23:16]

5. Real friends push you towards God.

"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

[2 Samuel 9:7-8]

6. Ultimate friendship is our greatest hope.

When you're seated at the table, the position covers up your condition.