

# Learning How to Become a Friend

A brief study of friendship from Jonathan and David 1 Samuel Chris Mueller 5-31-2020

## Introduction:

**Proverbs 18:24** A man of many friends comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

## #1 A voluntary willingness to \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Samuel 18:1-3** Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. And Saul took him that day and did not let him return to His father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

**1 Samuel 20:4** Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

**John 15:13** Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

### SACRIFICE:

Weak

Average

Strong

## #2 A loyal \_\_\_\_\_ before others

**1 Samuel 19:4-5** Then Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you. "For he took his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and the Lord brought about a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, by putting David to death without a cause?"

**1 Samuel 20:30-34** Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan... "For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for he must surely die." But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" Then Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him down; so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death. Then Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did not eat food on the second day of the new moon, for he was grieved over David because his father had dishonored him.

**Proverbs 19:6** Many will entreat the favor of a generous man and every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.

**Proverbs 17:17** A friend loves at all times and a brother is born in adversity.

**Job 2:11** Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, they came each one from his own place...and made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and comfort him.

**Proverbs 21:21** He who pursues righteousness and loyalty finds life, righteousness and honor.

**Hosea 6:6** For I delight in loyalty rather than sacrifice.

### LOYALTY:

Weak

Average

Strong

## #3 Complete freedom to be \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Samuel 20:41** When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times. And they kissed each other and wept together, but David more.

**Proverbs 27:6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend. But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

**Galatians 6:1** If a man is caught in any trespass, you who are in the Spirit, restore such a one.

**Matthew 18:15** If your brother sins, go and reprove him in private.

**Proverbs 27:17** Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

### HONEST:

Weak

Average

Strong

## #4 A source of constant \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Samuel 23:15-18** Now David became aware that Saul had come out to seek his life...And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David at Horesh, and encouraged him in God. Thus he said to him, "Do not be afraid, because the hand of Saul my father shall not find you, and you will be king over Israel and I will be next to you; and Saul my father knows that also. So the two of them made a covenant before the Lord; and David stayed at Horesh while Jonathan went to his house.

**Proverbs 17:17** A brother is born for adversity.

**1 Thessalonians 5:11** Encourage one another and build up one another just as you also are doing.

### A – Over-dependence

**Proverbs 25:17** Let your foot rarely be in your neighbor's house, lest he become weary of you and hate you.

### B – Destructive speech

**Proverbs 26:18-19** Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death so is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, Was I not joking?

### C – Insensitivity

**Proverbs 27:14** He who blesses his friend with a loud voice in the morning, It will be reckoned a curse to him.

#### ENCOURAGER:

Weak

Average

Strong

## #5 An enduring \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Samuel 18:3** Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

**1 Samuel 23:18** So the two of them made a covenant before the Lord.

**2 Samuel 9:1** Then David said, "Is there yet anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?"

**Psalms 55:12-13** For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, then I could hide myself from him. But it is you, a man my equal, My companion and my familiar friend.

#### ENDURING COMMITMENT:

Weak

Average

Strong

## TAKE HOME:

### Challenge A - The greatest friendships require \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 11:19** The friend of tax-gatherers and sinners.

### Challenge B - Dependently \_\_\_\_\_ one friendship quality

**John 15:14** You are My friends, if you do what I command you.

### Challenge C - Evaluate your \_\_\_\_\_ friendship

1. Voluntary willingness to sacrifice - *on the cross*
2. Loyal defense before others - *our enemy the accuser*
3. Complete freedom to be yourself - *the way He made you*
4. A source of constant encouragement - *through the Holy Spirit, the Word, and your brother and sisters*
5. An enduring commitment - *secure for all eternity*



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