

# FRIEND or FOE

(1 Samuel 18:1-16)

1. God **KNITS** us together with others in **RELATIONSHIP**. (Romans 12:5; 1 Peter 4:8; Proverbs 17:17; Psalm 133:1; Ecclesiastes 4:10-12)
2. A true friend **GIVES** selflessly of what is his own in order to **PROMOTE** another. (Mark 10:42-44; Romans 13:14; Philippians 2:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Proverbs 18:24; John 15:12-13; 1 John 3:16; Ephesians 5:1-2)
3. Within each of us is a root of **JEALOUSY**; if we nourish it, it will lead to **DESTRUCTION**. (James 3:16, 4:2-3; Proverbs 6:34, 14:30; Romans 13:13; Mark 7:21-22)
4. **ANGER** and **RAGE** only and always makes matters **WORSE**. (1 Corinthians 3:3; Proverbs 10:12, 14:17, 15:1; Psalm 37:8; Ecclesiastes 7:9; Ephesians 4:31; 2 Timothy 2:23-25)
5. “He who is in you is **GREATER** than he who is in the **WORLD**.” (1 John 4:4; John 16:33; Isaiah 54:17, 55:8-9; Jeremiah 32:27)
6. Our foes end up **FEARFUL**, but God gives us (His friends) **FAVOR**. (John 15:15; Romans 8:31; 1 Peter 5:6-7; James 4:6; Isaiah 26:3; Exodus 23:22)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What is the difference between David trying to wear Saul's armor and David wearing Jonathan's armor? Last week we said that 'wearing someone else's armor' doesn't work. But why was that not the case here? What was the significance of Jonathan's gift to David?
3. God created a special bond between Jonathan and David as He knit their hearts together. What might David have shared (verse 1) that so captured Jonathan's heart? What does it take for vital relationships to form and grow between us and others?
4. Saul burned with envy and jealousy toward David. What does this lead to? Why is it so dangerous? What can we do to prevent the root of jealousy within each of us from growing and yielding fruit?
5. David had success in all of his endeavors. When is success desirable and healthy? When is it problematic and dangerous?

