

**Series:** Fugitive, a study in 1 Samuel

**Sermon:** Help Along the Way

**Primary Texts:** 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 22:2; 25

**Discussion guide:**

- Share a funny story with a friend
- What is a friend?
- Why are friends important?
- Why are Christian friends important?
- Why does the world have a general disdain for Christians?
  - Read John 7:7; 15:18-19
- Read 1 Peter 5:15-16 – what does this tell you about the reason the world should hate us?
- Read 1 Samuel 18:1-5
  - Why do you think Jonathan connected with David so quickly?
- What is a “good” friend?
- In the sermon we said that “you need good friend(s) so be a good friend.”
  - How is being a good friend the key to having good friends?
    - How can you be a better friend?
    - How can you be a better advocate for your friends?
    - How can you be a safe place for your friends?
- Considering David’s plight why would it be easy for him to think he’s alone?
- Why do we often feel alone when we are struggling?
  - Why does the devil want this?
- Read 1 Samuel 22:2 – was David alone?
- Why is it important to know and find other Christians who have had or are having similar struggles to you?
- Read 1 Samuel 25 with special emphasis on v. 32.
  - What did Abigail save David from?
  - Why is accountability so important?
  - Why is it hard to have accountable environments in our churches?