

**“You’ve Got A Friend”**

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Proverbs 17:17; 18:24

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***Introduction:***

- A. There are few things more important in life than \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge once described friendship as “a sheltering \_\_\_\_\_.”

***I. The Story—David’s Friends (2 Samuel 15-19)***

- A. The first friend to show himself was \_\_\_\_\_ the Gittite.
- B. The next couple of friends who stepped forward were \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. The third friend who sheltered David was \_\_\_\_\_ the Arkite.
- D. The fourth groups of friends who sheltered David were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. The last friend I want to mention was \_\_\_\_\_.

***II. The Application—The Truth about True Friends***

- A. Friendships are not \_\_\_\_\_; they’re \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Friendship comes in various \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Four levels of friendship:
    - a. \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. \_\_\_\_\_ friendship
    - c. \_\_\_\_\_ friendship
    - d. \_\_\_\_\_ friendship
- C. Friendship is not \_\_\_\_\_; it must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The most important friendship that all of us should be cultivating is one with \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer Key: Intro.: A. good, friends. B. tree. I.A. Ittai, Gittite. I.B. Zadok, Abiathar. I.C. Hushai. I.D. Shobi, Machir, Barzillai. I.E. Joab. II.A. optional, essential. II.B. degrees. B.1.a. acquaintances. B.1.b. casual. B.1.c. close. B.1.d. intimate. II.C. automatic, cultivated. II.D. Jesus, Christ.