

DAVID – Developing a Heart for God

Lesson 3: True Friendship

Women in the Word Scripture Reference Notes – September 29, 2026

1 Sam 17:57 – 18:4

Jonathan loved David as his own soul.

Covenant-berith-alliance, agreement between persons

Contract accompanied by signs, sacrifices, and a solemn oath that sealed the relationship with promises and curses.

Compare to Genesis 15 – God's covenant with Abram.

Sign – 18:4; Sacrifice – 20:31; Solemn Oath – 18:4; 20:13

Basis of covenant – 18:1

Deu 7:6-9; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10

1 Sam 19:1-7 – Jonathan warns David, pleas with Saul, Saul relents for short time.

1 Sam 20:1-4 David panics, Jonathan's soul knit with soul of David.

Knit = bound up with

1 Sam 20:15 – David will not take his hesed love, kindness from the house of Saul when he becomes king.

Hesed – lovingkindness, mercy, goodness, faithfulness, love, acts of kindness.

Ps 144:2; Exo 34:6; Ps 136:1

N.T. grace(charis); agape (unconditional love); mercy(eleos)

1 Sam 9:3,7 David brings Jonathon's son to his house.

1 Sam 20:30-33; plan vs 18-22

1 Sam 20:40-42 David and Jonathan say goodbye.

1 Sam 23:14-17 Jonathan comes to encourage David.

NLT – encouraged him in his faith in God. Strengthened the hands, sustain, encourage.

2 Sam 1 David learns of Jonathan and Saul's death.

Examples of friends: Ruth and Naomi, Jesus and His disciples, and Paul and Timothy. Paul and Timothy illustrate mentorship as a form of friendship. Jesus sets the standard for friendship. His willingness to die demonstrates the depth of His commitment and care, showing that true friendship involves selfless love.

God is a faithful God; He is a covenant keeping God!

Ps 36:5; 143:1; Is 25:1; Lam 3:23

God walks with us through trials to comfort us, build our endurance, and strengthen our faith.

Jam 1:2-4; 1 Pet 1:6-9

Where do we see God in this story?

God is a faithful covenant keeping God.

God can use anyone to bring about His plans.

God cares and understands, He is a compassionate, loving, kind, merciful God.

God never leaves us alone.

Reflective Questions

Do I have the “mind of Christ”?

Does my walk show I trust God?

Am I willing to make sacrifices for God? for my friends?

In hard times do I remember what God has done for me in the past?

Who do I bring my cares to first?

*Next Week – October 6
Week 4 – A Matter of Conscience*