

## Sermon Notes: 1 Samuel 20

“If anyone were to ask me, ‘What is the best thing in life?’ I would answer, ‘Friends.’” Gregory of Nazianzus

“Intergenerational friendships can lead us to grow in godliness. The more I have in common with someone, the easier it is to love him or her. Loving someone different from me requires me to love more deliberately. Generations can also have moral blind spots that others expose.” Joseph Rae

“It is tempting to say hesed is the most important word in the Hebrew Scriptures.” Michael Card

“Is there anyone alive in Saul’s house that I can show kindness (hesed) to FOR the sake of Jonathan” David in 2 Samuel 9:1

Covenants serve as the backbone to the Bible’s story.

“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love (hesed) and faithfulness, 7 keeping steadfast love (hesed) for thousands...” Exodus 34:6-7

The best friends are those who have God as their best friend.

“Let those be your choicest companions who have made Christ their chief companion.” Charles Spurgeon

Three marks of a good friend: intentionality, protection, and perseverance.

“Christian friendships exist for this: to say things that keep each other believing.” John Piper

God can use supernatural means to protect us but often he does so through friends.

“God has appointed that we not see our sins clearly, so that we need others to help us see what is killing us.” John Piper

“You don’t really know who your friends are until trouble comes. It’s in hardship that real friends show themselves.” Tim Keller