

THE LIFE OF DAVID



55 As soon as Saul saw David go out against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this youth?" And Abner said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not know." **56** And the king said, "Inquire whose son the boy is." **57** And as soon as David returned from the striking down of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. **58** And Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

1 SAMUEL 17:55-18:5



1 As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. **2** And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. **3** Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. **4** And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. **5** And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war.

1 SAMUEL 17:55-18:5 (cont.)



And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

1 SAMUEL 17:55-18:5 (cont.)



THE GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

DAVID & JONATHAN

1 Samuel 18, 20





18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." **19** Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. **20** The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him.

GENESIS 2:18-20





**FINDING THE
RIGHT KIND OF
FRIENDS**



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1 SAMUEL 18:1-4





“What is a friend? A single soul dwelling in two bodies.”

AUGUSTINE



20 Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.

PROVERBS 13:20



24 Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, **25** lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.

PROVERBS 22:24-25



“Friendship makes good men better and bad men worse. It also sometimes makes bad men better and good men worse. And the closer the friend, the stronger the influence.”

DREW HUNETR

Made For Friendship: The Relationship That Halves Our Sorrows and Doubles Our Joys



*“Let those be thy choicest companions who have made
Christ their Chief Companion.”*

THOMAS BROOKS



“No friend, no companion deserves your confidence, who makes light of your soul's concerns.”

J. C. RYLE

Thoughts for Young Men



“Never make an intimate friend of anyone who is not a friend of God. Understand me, I do not speak of acquaintances. I do not mean that you ought to have nothing to do with anyone but true Christians. To take such a line is neither possible nor desirable in this world. Christianity requires no man to be discourteous. But I do advise you to be very careful in your choice of friends. Do not open all your heart to a man merely because he is clever, agreeable, good-natured, and kind. These things are all very well in their way, but they are not everything. Never be satisfied with the friendship of anyone who will not be useful to your soul.”

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WHY TO TREASURE FAITHFUL FRIENDS



¹ Then David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came and said before Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?" ² And he said to him, "Far from it! You shall not die. Behold, my father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me. And why should my father hide this from me? It is not so." ³ But David vowed again, saying, "Your father knows well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he thinks, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.'

1 SAMUEL 20:1-4



“But truly, as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death.” ⁴ Then Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you say, I will do for you.”

1 SAMUEL 20:1-4 (cont.)



8 Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the Lord with you. But if there is guilt in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?" 9 And Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! If I knew that it was determined by my father that harm should come to you, would I not tell you?"

1 SAMUEL 20:8-9





17 A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

PROVERBS 17:17



9 Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.

PROVERBS 27:9



5 Better is open rebuke than hidden love. **6** Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy.

PROVERBS 27:5-6





1 Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment. 2 A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing his opinion.

PROVERBS 18:1-2



¹ In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. ² It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. ³ And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"

2 SAMUEL 11:1-4



4a So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her.

2 SAMUEL 11:1-4 (cont.)





**AVOIDING THE
TRAGEDY OF
LOSING CLOSE
FRIENDS**





28 A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

PROVERBS 16:28



9 Whoever covers an offense seeks love, but he who repeats a matter separates close friends.

PROVERBS 17:9



**OUR GREATEST
AND CLOSEST
FRIEND**



15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.

JOHN 15:15





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