

Got Your Six

Cultivating Community — Part 4

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*Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed...
12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken. —Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 12 NLT*

The Big Idea: A got your six friend shares your values and direction, accepts you unconditionally. No exceptions. They're fiercely devoted and go to great lengths, to fight for your destiny through their sacrifice and strength.

Three Essentials of “Got Your Six” Relationships:

1. A SHARED MISSION. (A mission to share.)

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. —1 Samuel 18:1 ESV

“Friendship is born at the moment when one person says to another: What! You too? I thought I was the only one...” —C.S. Lewis

Jonathan and David didn't have to convince each other to chase God, because both of them were already running in the same direction.

*Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?
—Amos 3:3 NLT*

2. SECURE ACCEPTANCE. (A place to belong.)

*Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
—Romans 14:4 NIV*

*Then Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you want me to do, I'll do for you.”
—1 Samuel 20:4 NIV*

Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory. —Romans 15:7 NLT

3. STEADFAST PROTECTION. (A partner for the battle.)

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

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. —1 Samuel 18:1 ESV

Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. —1 Samuel 18:3 ESV

**Casual friends run from the mess.
A covenant friends runs to the mess.**

You can't afford to have a covenant relationship with everyone, but you can't afford to not have a covenant relationship with someone.

Jonathan, out of his deep love for David, made a covenant with him. He formalized it with solemn gifts: his own royal robe and weapons—armor, sword, bow, and belt. —1 Samuel 18:3-4 MSG

- **Jonathan's Robe — a gift affirming identity and destiny.**
- **Jonathan's Weapons — his armor, sword, bow, and belt — a gift of shared partnership and power.**

We all need three things:

- **A mission worth living for — a shared mission.**
- **A place to belong — secure acceptance.**
- **And a partner for the battle — someone to fight beside them — steadfast protection.**

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends..." —John 15:13-15

"...the LORD will go ahead of you; yes, the God of Israel will protect you from behind." —Isaiah 52:12 NLT

“One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” —Proverbs 18:24 NIV