

Matters of the Heart

“A Friendly Heart”

1 Samuel 18-23

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1 Samuel 18:1.

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.

1. A True Friend is Self-less (18:1, 3)

“Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and loved him as himself” (v.1).

2. A True Friend Sticks (18:1; Proverbs 18:24)

“a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” (Proverbs 18:24 NIV)

“Jonathan was bound to David in close friendship, and loved him”. (18:1)

3. A True Friend is Sacrificial (18:3-4)

“Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.” (vs. 4)

4. A True Friend Shelters (19:1-3)

“Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David and warned him, ‘My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I’ll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out’” (19:1-3).

5. A True Friend Sharpens (Proverbs 27:17)

“As iron sharpens iron, so a man’s countenance sharpens the countenance of his friend.”

6. A True Friend Strengthens (23:15-18)

“And Saul’s son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God” (vs. 16)

Lord's Supper

John 15:13-14

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command.

Matthew 26:26-29

²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

²⁷ Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.”