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SUMMER AND FRIENDSHIP

"I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was 12... does anyone?"

"It happens sometimes. Friends come in and out of your life, like busboys in a restaurant."

"Although I hadn't seen him in more than ten years, I know I'll miss him forever."

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BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Samuel and Psalms

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FRIENDSHIP WITH JONATHAN

1 Samuel 18–20

Jonathan loves David as his own soul and repeatedly protects him from Saul.

“The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David.” 1 Sam. 18:1

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JONATHAN DELIVERS DAVID

1 Samuel 20

Jonathan warns David of Saul’s plans and sends him away to safety using the arrow signal.

“Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD.”
1 Sam. 20:42

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JONATHAN’S DEATH

1 Samuel 31

Jonathan dies in battle fighting the Philistines.

“I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan... your love to me was extraordinary.”

2 Sam. 1:26

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DAVID’S AFFAIR WITH BATHSHEBA

2 Samuel 11–12;

Psalm 51

David sins with Bathsheba; Nathan the prophet rebukes him. David repents deeply.

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HUSHAI HELPS DAVID WITH ABSALOM

2 Samuel 15–17

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PSALM 143 – A PRAYER IN A TIME OF DISTRESS

Likely written while fleeing Absalom (2 Sam. 15:23)

*"Hear my prayer, O LORD;
give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me,
in your righteousness!"*

Psalm 143:1

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RESTORED BY GOD

2 Samuel 19–20

David returns to Jerusalem. His heart is tender, yet he remains dependent on God.

*"Restore to me the joy of
your salvation."*

Psalm 51:12

2 SAMUEL 12:1-12

[1] And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. [2] The rich man had very many flocks and herds, [3] but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children.

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2 SAMUEL 12:1-12

It used to eat of his morsel and drink from his cup and lie in his arms, and it was like a daughter to him. [4] Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the guest who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him."

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2 SAMUEL 12:1-12

[5] Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die, [6] and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

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2 SAMUEL 12:1-12

[7] Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. [8] And I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your arms and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if this were too little, I would add to you ...

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2 SAMUEL 12:1-12

...as much more. [9] Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. [10] Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me...

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2 SAMUEL 12:1-12

...and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' [11] Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house. And I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. [12] For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun.'" (ESV)

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GREAT FRIENDSHIPS

Passage

Tolkien and Lewis – Catholic and Protestant
Whitefield and Wesley – Theological Rivals
Adams and Jefferson – Political Rivals
Luther and Melancthon – Bold, Calm
Anthony and Stanton – Suffragettes
Graham and Mears – Evangelism
Spurgeon and Parker – Brilliant Thinkers

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[1] Hear my prayer, O LORD;

give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your
righteousness!

[2] Enter not into judgment with your servant,
for no one living is righteous before
you.

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[3] For the enemy has pursued my soul;
he has crushed my life to the ground;
he has made me sit in darkness like
those long dead.

[4] Therefore my spirit faints within me;
my heart within me is appalled.

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[5] I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all that you have done;
I ponder the work of your hands.

[6] I stretch out my hands to you;
my soul thirsts for you like a parched
land.

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My spirit fails!

Hide not your face from me,

lest I be like those who go down to the pit.

[8] Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast
love, for in you I trust.

Make me know the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.

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[9] Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD!

I have fled to you for refuge.

[10] Teach me to do your will,

for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me

on level ground! (ESV)

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11] For your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble

[12] And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies,

and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.

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CONCLUSION – WHERE ARE YOUR FRIENDS?

- Get busy finding and meeting with other believers, be a good friend.
- It is easier to die in your faith than it is to live your life as if the God you have faith in is worth obeying. *“Love one another”*
- If you see a lost and lonely soul, stop taking the easy way out.

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