

Message Notes | The Life of David

Part 3: The Blessing of Good Friends

1 Samuel 18:1-4

→ the biggest factor for experiencing a happy, healthy life

#1 Your friends will affect the _____ and _____ of your life.

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→ David and Jonathan - **vs. 1, 1 Sam 14:6, 1 Sam 17:45-46**

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→ David is exhausted - **1 Sam 23:14-18**

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→ competing voices - **Hebrews 10:23-25**

#4 Prioritize _____ that help you _____.

→ your greatest friend - **John 15:15**

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1. Think back over your life. Who is someone (outside of your immediate family) who made a significant positive impact on your life? What made that relationship so meaningful?

2. **Read Proverbs 13:20.** In what ways have you seen your friendships influence the direction of your life - for better or for worse?

3. **Read 1 Samuel 18:1-4.** What does it mean that Jonathan and David became "one in spirit?"

What are some foundations people build friendships on today? What makes a shared faith a unique foundation for friendship?

4. Jonathan willingly put David's future ahead of his own ambitions to be king. What do you think makes that kind of humility and selflessness so rare?

What does it look like to put someone else's spiritual good ahead of your own preferences?

5. **Read 1 Samuel 23:15-18.** At a low point, Jonathan helped David find strength in God. What do you think Jonathan may have said to David in that conversation?

6. **Read Hebrews 10:23-25.** Why do you think it's so easy to drift away from Christian community? What are some "voices" that compete for our attention and influence our thinking?

7. **Read John 15:15.** Jesus calls his disciples, and us, his friends. How does knowing that Jesus is the Friend who never leaves you change the way you face loneliness, disappointment, or difficult seasons?

8. Is there one practical step you could take this week to invest in friendships that help point you to Jesus?

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Bible Reading for Today

1 Samuel 18:1-4

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 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.

