

## THE IMPORTANCE OF A TRIBE

Text : Genesis 2:18 and 1 Samuel 18:1-4

*Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make a helper fit for him.”* Genesis 2:18

God created us out of relationship for relationship. Not a surface level or self-seeking relationship but deep, sacrificial and intimate relationships.

### DAVID AND JONATHAN—DEEP ABIDING FRIENDSHIP

*After David had finished talking to Saul, he met Jonathon, the king’s son. There was an immediate bond of love between them, and they became the best of friends. From that day on Saul kept David with him at the palace and wouldn’t let him return home. And Jonathon made a special vow to be David’s friend, and he sealed the pact by giving him his robe, tunic, sword, bow and belt.*  
1 Samuel 18:1-4

### REASONS FOR FINDING YOUR TRIBE

1. A Tribe of friends make each other better.

*As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.* Proverbs 27:17

2. A Tribe of friends inspire and strengthen one another.

*That you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith.* Romans 1:12

3. A Tribe of friends fight for each other.

*But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called ‘today’, so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.*  
Hebrews 3:13

4. A Tribe of friends need each other to live out the purposes of God.

*And since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others.* Romans 12:6

5. A Tribe of friends exemplify the love of Christ.

*Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other.* Romans 12:10

Your tribe might be right in front of you. But even if they aren’t today, the greatest news is this: The one friend I have found to be most consistent, the one who sees me at my worst and still loves me, is Jesus.