

# Philadelphia Church

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A TRUE FRIEND

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John 15:13

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Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

## Quote

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The best way to find a true friend is  
to be one. -PD

Quote

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Be the friend you want to have.

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# 1 Samuel 18:1-9

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

## 1 Samuel 18:1-9

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<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

## 1 Samuel 18:1-9

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<sup>6</sup> When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with timbrels and lyres. <sup>7</sup> As they danced, they sang: “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands.”

## 1 Samuel 18:1-9

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<sup>8</sup> Saul was very angry; this refrain displeased him greatly. “They have credited David with tens of thousands,” he thought, “but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?” <sup>9</sup> And from that time on Saul kept a close eye on David.



## 1 Samuel 18:10-16

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<sup>10</sup> The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand <sup>11</sup> and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

## 1 Samuel 18:10-16

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<sup>12</sup> Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with David but had departed from Saul. <sup>13</sup> So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns.

## 1 Samuel 18:10-16

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<sup>14</sup> In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him. <sup>15</sup> When Saul saw how successful he was, he was afraid of him. <sup>16</sup> But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he led them in their campaigns.

## Quote

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You can grow up and make new friends, but  
you can't Make old Friends. - Unknown

# Types of Friends

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➤ Casual

➤ Close

➤ Confidants

# Confidants

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- Bring joy into our lives
- Cause us to grow and mature
- Motivate change in us

## Ecclesiastes 4:10

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If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

## Proverbs 17:17

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A friend loves at all times, and a brother is  
born for a time of adversity.



## Proverbs 18:24

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One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

# Meaningful Relationships Require:

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- Time
- Communication
- Mountain and valley experiences
- Gratitude
- Sensitivity
- Patience
- Honesty

# True friends:

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1. Help us find joy in our relationship with God
2. Point out sin or faults that keep us from being close to God
  - ❖ Proverbs 27:6

# True friends:

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## 3. Encourage us in our faith

❖ Hebrews 10:24

## 4. Help us when we are weak

❖ Luke 5:18-19

## Proverbs 16:28 ESV

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28 A dishonest man spreads strife, and a whisperer separates close friends.

## Psalm 15:1-3 ESV

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O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent? Who shall dwell on your holy hill? 2 He who walks blamelessly and does what is right and speaks truth in his heart; 3 who does not slander with his tongue and does no evil to his neighbor, nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

## Psalm 7:3-5 ESV

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3 O Lord my God, if I have done this, if there is  
wrong in my hands, 4 if I have repaid my friend  
with evil or plundered my enemy without cause,  
5 let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it,  
and let him trample my life to the ground and  
lay my glory in the dust.

Video- without good friends you will die

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## Hebrews 3:13

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13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.

# Proverbs 27:17

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17 As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

# Poem

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I went out to find a friend  
And I could not find one there  
I went out to be a friend  
And friends were everywhere