

Series: DAVID: Portrait of a King

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Message: The Power of Friendship

Text: I Samuel 19-20

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BIG IDEA: OUR FRIENDSHIPS FORM OUR FUTURE

Getting Started

Who was your best friend growing up? What is one of your favorite memories with this friend?

Reflection/Discussion Questions

1. What was Jonathan, Saul's son, risking in helping David?
2. How do you think Jonathan was "caught in the middle" between his father, Saul, and his friend, David? How did he manage it?
3. What makes someone a great friend?
4. Share a story about a friend who had a positive influence in your life. Or share a time when a friend had a negative influence on your life. What did you do about it?
5. Finding friends can be hard. What has helped you to find and develop friendships in the past? Why are friends important in your life?

6. What is one thing you can do this week to strengthen a friendship?
7. What are the prayer requests on your mind today?

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for the friends in our lives. At every age, we need others around us who will look out for and encourage us. Help us to invest well in the friends around us and take notice of all that they do. May we treasure the gift of your friendship, Jesus, and your constant presence with us. Amen.

Going Deeper: Take a few minutes to read I Samuel, chapters 18-20. Notice how the story develops around Saul's jealousy of David and how Jonathan protects his friend. This truly is the power of friendship—it can save someone's life!

FOCUS SCRIPTURES:

"After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, 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 Jonathan made a special vow to be David's friend, and he sealed the pact by giving him his robe, tunic, sword, bow, and belt."

I Samuel 18:1-4 (NLT)

"Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm." Proverbs 13:20

"There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother." Proverbs 18:24