

DAVID’S FRIEND
The Life of David, III
I Samuel 18:1-5

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INTRODUCTION

“The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.” ~ Proverbs 29:25

“I—yes, I—am the One Who comforts you. Who are you, that you are so afraid of humans who will die, descendants of mere men, who have been made like grass?” ~ Isaiah 51:12

“Is any pleasure on earth as great as a circle of Christian friends by a fire?” ~ C. S. Lewis

I. WE NEED FRIENDSHIPS

A. Because We Were Made for Relationships

“It is not good that man should be alone.” ~ Genesis 2:18

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: 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. ~ Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

B. Because Friendships are Good for You

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

One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. ~ Proverbs 18:24

C. Because Friends See You Through Trouble

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. ~ Proverbs 17:17

Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they came each from his own place, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. They made an appointment together to come to show him sympathy and comfort him. And when they saw him from a distance, they did not recognize him. And they raised their voices and wept, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads toward heaven. And they sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.

~ Job 2:11-13

D. Because Friends Will Speak the Truth to You

Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy. ~ Proverbs 27:6

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. ~ Proverbs 27:17

II. THE NATURE OF FRIENDSHIP

A. Commitment

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B. Transparency

C. Commonality

II. THE POWER FOR FRIENDSHIP

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ~ John 15:13

*No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.
~ John 15:15*

CONCLUSION