

DAVID - LESSONS FOR LIVING
Part 3: A True Friend
1 Samuel 18:1-4

Keys To Being A Real Friend:

1. A True Friend _____

1 Samuel 18:4, "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."

- Jonathan had a lot to lose in his friendship with David.
- *Acts 2:44-47, "All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need..."*
- People long to be a part of a family that makes sacrifices for one another. The Holy Spirit can help us be that kind of people.
- *John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."*
- Do you make sacrifices for others?

2. A True Friend _____

1 Samuel 19:1-5, "Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out..."

- Jonathan loyally defended David even before his own father.
- On the other hand, compare Jonathan with David's first wife Michal.
- *1 Samuel 19:9-17, "...Michal told him (Saul), "He said to me, 'Let me get away. Why should I kill you?'"*
- Do you stick up for your friends?

3. A True Friend _____

1 Samuel 23:16-17, "And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God..."

- Jonathan went searching for David just so he could lift his spirits.
- God wants us to be friends who encourage others when they are down.
- *1 Thess. 5:11, "...encourage one another and build each other up..."*
- When was that last time you called or visited someone or sent them a card of encouragement?
- When was that last time you participated in a small group or SS class?

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