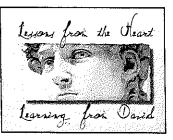
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1 Samuel 18:1 - 4 & 20:1 - 17

1 Samuel  $18:1-\frac{1}{2}$  "the soul of Jonathan was bound with the soul of David. ² Jonathan loved David as much as he did his own life."

1 Samuel 20:17 - "... he (Jonathan) loved him as he loved himself."

#### The NEED for Friends

From the very beginning, people were created to know and have relationships with other people.

Genesis 2:18 — The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

1 Samuel 20:14 — "... show me unfailing kindness like that of the LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be killed ..."

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12-7 Again I saw something meaningless under the sun:

8 There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. "For whom am I toiling," he asked, "and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?" This too is meaningless—a miserable business!

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: ¹⁰ If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! ¹¹ Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? ¹² Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

### The NATURE of Friendship

The key word is the Hebrew word 'HESED.

Used 241 times in the OT.

Translated, loyal love, steadfast love, mercy, merciful, lovingkindness, faithfulness, loyalty, loyal, and devotion.

## What does *hesed* look like in a friendship?

'Hesed-based friendship is _____

1 Samuel 18:1 - 4; 1 Samuel 20:4

At the heart of hesed is commitment to the welfare of another person.

# 'Hesed-based friendships are to one another's well-being.

1 Samuel 20:4 - "Tell me what I can do for you."

1 Samuel 20:14 &  $15 - {}^{14}$  While I am still alive, extend to me the loyalty of the Lord, or else I will die! ¹⁵ Don't ever cut off your loyalty to my family, not even when the Lord has cut off every one of David's enemies from the face of the earth..."

Philippians 2 - ⁴ Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷ but made himself nothing . . ."

Proverbs 3:3 & 4 - 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man.

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I Samuel 20:1 – "What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father?"
1 Samuel 20:3
Proverbs 27:6 — "Wounds from a sincere friend are better than many kisses from an enemy." (NLT)
'Hesed-based friendships are
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1 Samuel 18:1 - 3

## The SOURCE of Friendship

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