



Part 6

# F·R·I·E·N·D·S

1 Samuel 18:1 – 4 & 20:1 – 17

1 Samuel 18:1 – <sup>1</sup> “the soul of Jonathan was bound with the soul of David. <sup>2</sup> 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 – <sup>7</sup> Again I saw something meaningless under the sun:

<sup>8</sup> 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!

<sup>9</sup> Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: <sup>10</sup> If one falls down, his friend can help him up. But pity the man who falls and has no one to help him up! <sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? <sup>12</sup> 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 – <sup>14</sup> While I am still alive, extend to me the loyalty of the Lord, or else I will die! <sup>15</sup> 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 – <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup> Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing . . ."*

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

'Hesed-based friendships are not \_\_\_\_\_  
but they are \_\_\_\_\_

*1 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
they're \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Samuel 18:1 – 3*

## The SOURCE of Friendship

*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..."*