

JONATHAN – A FRIEND OF DAVID! 1 Sam. 18:1-4

The story is obviously hard to read considering the

What do we learn about friendship?

1. Jonathan **loved** David!

1 Samuel 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, **that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.**

1 Samuel 18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

1 Samuel 20:17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

Friendship is certainly a form of love – then & now.

And there is always **an element** of mystery → why?

Friendship takes on many forms:

➤ Friendship of convenience

The normal word is proximity.

Not all bad – it can be good.

➤ Positional friendship

As Pastor of LCBC ...He / she is my friend → & will be a friend of

➤ Friends in crime | wrong | evil

2 Samuel 13:1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. **2 Samuel 13:2** And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do any thing to her. **2 Samuel 13:3** **But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man.**

➤ Friendship of **mutual hate** | criticism | gossip

Proverbs 26:20 Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: So where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth. **Proverbs 26:21** As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; So is a contentious man to kindle strife.

Proverbs 26:22 The words of a talebearer **are as wounds**, And they go down into the innermost parts of the belly. **Proverbs 26:23** Burning lips and a wicked heart **Are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.**

Proverbs 26:24 **He that hateth** dissembleth with his lips, And layeth up deceit within him;

Proverbs 26:25 When he speaketh fair, **believe him not**: For there are seven abominations in his heart.

Proverbs 26:26 Whose hatred is covered by deceit, His wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.

Proverbs 26:27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: And he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.

Proverbs 26:28 A lying tongue **hateth** those that are afflicted by it; And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

➤ Friendship for &/ about power

Some are always building an alliance / a coalition

2 Corinthians 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are **helpers of your joy**: for by faith ye stand.

2 Corinthians 10:8 For though I should boast somewhat more **of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction**, I should not be ashamed:

2 Corinthians 13:10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me **to edification, and not to destruction.**

- **Broad friendships**
- **Friendships of common interests**
- **Friendships in mission, purpose, & belief**
- **Friendship of love and for love!**

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loveth at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

Proverbs 27:10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, **forsake not**; Neither go into thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity: For better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

2 Samuel 1:26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: Very pleasant hast thou been unto me: **Thy love to me was wonderful, Passing the love of women.**

2. Jonathan committed to David!

1 Samuel 18:3 Then **Jonathan and David made a covenant**, because he loved him as his own soul.

1 Samuel 20:8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into **a covenant of the LORD** with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?

1 Samuel 20:1 And **David** fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, **What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?**

1 Samuel 20:42 And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, **forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD**, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

1 Samuel 23:18 **And they two made a covenant before the LORD:** and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

3. Jonathan defended &/ protected David!

1 Samuel 19:4 And Jonathan **spake good of David unto Saul his father**, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

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4. Jonathan strengthened David!

1 Samuel 23:16 And Jonathan Saul's son **arose**, and **went** to David into the wood, and **strengthened his hand in God.** **1 Samuel 23:17** And he said unto him, **Fear not**: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; **and** thou shalt be king over Israel, **and** I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. **1 Samuel 23:18** **And they two made a covenant before the LORD:** and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

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Hebrews 3:13 But exhort **one another** daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **Hebrews 10:25** **Not** forsaking the assembling **of ourselves together**, as the manner of some is; **but exhorting one another**: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.