

David and Jonathan

Friendships

1Samuel 18:3,4

And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 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.

1Samuel 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 spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"

1Samuel 20:41-42

After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side [of the stone] and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together --but David wept the most. Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, `The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.'" Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

1. As you think about the story of David and Jonathan, what immediately comes to mind?

- This is beautiful.
- This is corny.
- This sounds like a Hollywood plot.
- I wish I had a friend like that.

2. Who was your best friend when you were a kid? What one experience did you have together that you especially remember?

3. As you think back, what was it about this person that brought the two of you together?

- doing fun things together
- liking the same things
- sharing personal things
- getting in trouble together
- keeping each other's confidence
- letting each other have space
- being there for each other when one of us was hurting
- going to church together

4. When it comes to making friends, what do you do? Finish the sentence by picking one in each category: "I usually..."

make friends

quickly.....slowly

change friends

constantly.....never

break off friendships

easily.....painfully

choose friends

wisely.....unwisely

5. What is your biggest barrier to having closer friendships?

- acting like I don't need them
- being jealous
- hiding my feelings
- having been hurt in the past
- focusing on things rather than people
- other: _____

6. How can your friends in this group pray for you right now?