

# FRIENDS

...TOGETHER ON MISSION...

## Week 3: “Friends in the face of the enemy”

### **Introduction** (*Read aloud before discussion.*)

As we continue our conversation about “Friends”, we arrive at a famous Old Testament relationship, David and Jonathan. This is a friendship in the face of the enemy which is a feature of every friendship.

### **Sermon Discussion** (*Use as a guide for dialogue, let God lead, and read the verses aloud.*)

1. Read 1 Samuel 18:1-3. How is David and Jonathan’s friendship described in this passage? How would you define a true friend?
2. Read verse 3 again. Notice the prevalent biblical word “covenant”. What would it mean for you to make a “covenant of friendship” with someone else?
3. Read 1 Samuel 19:1-2. David is in danger and Jonathan warns him. How many friends are you honest and vulnerable enough with that they would be able to know that you are in danger and warn you if needed?
4. Read 1 Samuel 19:4. At great risk, Jonathan had David’s back behind David’s back! This was rare! Talk about the kind of friend that “has your back even behind your back”.
5. Read 1 Samuel 20:31. The enemy introduces comparison, competition, and envy to destroy the friendship. What has the enemy used or what is the enemy using in order to destroy one of your past or current friendships?
6. Read 1 Samuel 20:42. What would it look like to “swear friendship” with that past or present friendship that the enemy is seeking to destroy?

### **Ministry Time** (*Invite the Spirit of God to come. Say, “Come Holy Spirit.”*)

Ask the Holy Spirit to move in that past relationship or that present relationship where you are experiencing difficulty with a friend.

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**Spiritual Formation** (*This is a weekly practice as we seek to be with and like Jesus.*)

“A soft answer turns away wrath” - that is Solomon’s advice about friendship in the Old Testament. Keep that in mind this week and see what kind of an impact it makes in friendship and every relationship you have.

**Daily Reading** (*Tune into the daily “Together On Mission” podcast, and let’s start every day with Jesus.*)

## **MON**

1 Samuel 18 | Psalm 75

## **TUES**

1 Samuel 19 | Psalm 76

## **WED**

1 Samuel 23 | Psalm 77

## **THUR**

1 Samuel 24 | Psalm 78

## **FRI**

John 21 | Psalm 74

## **SAT**

*Catch up on daily reading or choose a passage, any passage and enjoy*

**Tune in next week for “Friends” - Week 4: A friend that is also a mentor**