

FRIENDSHIP

A Beautiful Example



2 SAMUEL 1:26 (NIV)

I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women.



TRUE FRIENDS ARE A
GIFT FROM GOD



1 SAMUEL 18:1 (ESV)

As soon as he [David] had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.



1 SAMUEL 18:3 (ESV)

Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.



PROVERBS 18:24 (MSG)

Friends come and friends go, but a true friend sticks by you like family.



TRUE FRIENDS ARE
SELFLESS



1 SAMUEL 18:4 (ESV)

And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.



1 SAMUEL 19:1-2 (NIV)

[1] Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan had taken a great liking to David [2] 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.



1 SAMUEL 19:4 (NIV)

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.



1 SAMUEL 23:15-18 (NIV)

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1 SAMUEL 20:14-15 (NLT)

[14] And may you treat me with the faithful love of the LORD as long as I live. But if I die, [15] treat my family with this faithful love, even when the LORD destroys all your enemies from the face of the earth.”



2 SAMUEL 9:1 (NIV)

David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”



2 SAMUEL 9:3 (NIV)

The king then asked him, “Is anyone still alive from Saul’s family? If so, I want to show God’s kindness to them.” Ziba replied, “Yes, one of Jonathan’s sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet.”





JOHN 15:15 (NLT)

I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.