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Friendship

Jonathan

...Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.

...the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 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.

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

All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their commander. About four hundred men were with him.

...Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.

While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life.

And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God.

Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God.

"Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this."

The two of them made a covenant before the Lord. Then Jonathan went home, but David remained at Horesh.

David would have never become King David without Jonathan.

The quality of our future depends on the quality of our friends.

We were created to have friends and be a friend.

Culture conditions us to want to be esteemed and envied rather than known and loved.

Be the friend you want to be friends with.

Pursue, build, protect healthy friendships... your future will thank you.