



## The Heart Of A Friend (I Sam. 18-23)

Sunday, April 25, 2021 AVBC

*Many will say they are loyal friends, but who can find one who is truly reliable? (Proverbs 20:6) (NLT)*

*"How the mighty have fallen in battle! Jonathon lies slain on your heights. I grieve for you, Jonathon my brother; you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women." (II Sam. 1:25,26)*

### Q: What does the heart of a friend who has a heart for God look like?

**F** \_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam. 18:3-4; 23:14-17)

*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look out not only for your own interests, but also the interest of others. (Philippians 2:3,4)*

**R** \_\_\_\_\_ (I Sam. 18:3; 20:1,11-17, 35-42)

*One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. (Proverbs 18:24)*

**I** \_\_\_\_\_ (I Samuel 19:1,2)



*Let a righteous man strike me- it is a kindness; let him rebuke me- it is oil on my head. My head will not refuse it... (Psalm 145:5a) (David)*

*Better is an open rebuke than hidden love. The kisses of an enemy may be profuse, but faithful are the wounds of a friend." (Proverbs 27:5,6)*

**E** \_\_\_\_\_ (I Samuel 19:4-7)

*Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. (Ephesians 4:29)*

**N** \_\_\_\_\_ (I Samuel 20:1-4)

*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor; if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)*

**D** \_\_\_\_\_ (I Samuel 23:7-17)

### DIGGING DEEPER

*(For personal study, family devotions or Care group use)*

Q1: As a child, did you have a "best friend"?

If so, describe what made your connection so strong and positive?

Q2: If you had to define what a friend is using one sentence, what would you say?

Q3: Of the five attributes of friendship that Pastor Dave discussed, which one means the most to you? Why?

Q4: Read Proverbs 17:17 and 18:24. Re-write those verses in your own words.

Q5: Has a friend ever "strengthened your hand in God"? If so, explain how.

Q6: How can having a heart for God contribute to being a godly friend?

Q7: Read Ruth 1:3-18. What attributes of a true friend are found in this passage?

Q8: What would the Lord have you do this week to build into a friend's life?