

Jonathan and David I Sam. 20:1-42

Introduction:

There are two things that stand out in the life of Jonathan: his friendship with David and his humility. As we read this chapter, notice the friendship that Jonathan had with David.

- I. Friendships are needed to face the world.
 - A. Jonathan and David were great friends.
 1. I Sam. 20:17
 2. I Sam. 18:1-4
 3. David could not have survived without the help of Jonathan.
 - B. We live in an evil world.
 1. We need friends to help us to make it through this world.
 2. I John 2:15-17 – “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. {17} And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”
 - C. Friendships are important because we need help in living a Christian life.
 1. II Tim. 3:12 – Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
 2. We all need friends who are faithful to the Lord.
 3. Peer pressure can work both ways.
 4. Ecc. 4:9-12
 - D. We can have great friendships in the church because of our relationship with the Lord (23).
 1. If we keep our focus on the Lord, we can have great friendships.
 2. Our church family is more important than our blood family.
- II. Friends help each other in any way that they can.
 - A. Jonathan was the next in line for the throne, but he refused to let David die so that he could obtain it (30-42).
 1. Jonathan had the opportunity to deliver David to his death.
 2. Because of their friendship, Jonathan sent David away.
 - B. Jonathan did not care about the material possessions that came with being king.
 1. He was willing to give everything up for his friendship with David.
 2. We need to be willing to help each other, just as the early church helped each other.
 - a. Acts 2:44-45
 - b. Acts 4:32-37
 3. Phil 2:4 – “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but

also for the interests of others.”

III. The most important friend we could have is God.

A. We can be the friend of God.

1. **John 15:13-14** – "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. { 14 } "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you."
2. **Matt 28:20** – "and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

B. We need friends in this world, but we especially need Jesus.

Conclusion:

What kind of friends do you have? Will your friends help you to get to heaven? Will you help your friends to get to heaven? Are you doing what God has commanded you to do so that He will be your friend?