

#### FRIENDS

### David's Friend

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. <sup>2</sup>From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup>And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. <sup>4</sup>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.

I Samuel 18:1-4

# A Friendship Tested

Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>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."

I Samuel 19:1-3 (see also vs. 4-7)

And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the LORD take vengeance on David's enemies." <sup>17</sup>And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

1 Samuel 20:16-17 ESV (see also vs. 15-16)

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## A Song of Worship and Love for a Friend

"How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!

"Jonathan lies slain on your high places.

<sup>26</sup>I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; very pleasant have you been to me; your love to me was extraordinary, surpassing the love of women."

2 Samuel 1:25-26 ESV

### A Friend Remembered

After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most. <sup>42</sup>Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying, 'The LORD is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.' "Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.

1 Samuel 20:41-42

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

2 Samuel 9:1

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