

# Famous Friends—David and Jonathan

1 Samuel 14:1-14

## Reasons David and Jonathan were Friends

1. David was invited to the palace to play music
2. David and Jonathan were \_\_\_\_\_ spirits

*Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few."* **1 Samuel 14:6**

*"Do all that you have in mind," his armor-bearer said. "Go ahead; I am with you heart and soul."* **1 Samuel 14:7**

*Jonathan said, "Come, then; we will cross over toward the men and let them see us. If they say to us, 'Wait there until we come to you,' we will stay where we are and not go up to them."* **1 Samuel 14:8-9**

*But if they say, 'Come up to us,' we will climb up, because that will be our sign that the Lord has given them into our hands."* **1 Samuel 14:10**

*So both of them showed themselves to the Philistine outpost. "Look!" said the Philistines. "The Hebrews are crawling out of the holes they were hiding in." The men of the outpost shouted to Jonathan and his armor-bearer, "Come up to us and we'll teach you a lesson."* **1 Samuel 14:11-12**

*Jonathan climbed up, using his hands and feet, with his armor-bearer right behind him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer followed and killed behind him. In that first attack Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed some twenty men in an area of about half an acre.* **1 Samuel 14:13-14**

## Reasons David and Jonathan were Friends

3. Both had a deep faith in God

## Developing and maintaining intimate relationships and friendships.

1. Intimate friends develop n \_\_\_\_\_ over time.

*After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. 1 Samuel 18:1*

*From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. 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. 1 Samuel 18:2-4*

*When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from all the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. 1 Samuel 18:6*

*As they danced, they sang: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands." 1 Samuel 18:7*

*Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, "but me with only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom?" And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. 1 Samuel 18:8-9*

*In everything he did he had great success, because the Lord was with him. 1 Samuel 18:14*

*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 19:4*

*He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The Lord won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?" 1 Samuel 19:5*

*Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be put to death." 1 Samuel 19:6*

*So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before. 1 Samuel 19:7*

**2. Intimate friends s\_\_\_\_\_ for you behind your back.**  
*Developing and maintaining intimate relationships and friendships.*

*Then David fled from Naioth at Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked, “What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to take my life?”* **1 Samuel 20:1**

*“Never!” Jonathan replied. “You are not going to die! Look, my father doesn’t do anything, great or small, without confiding in me. Why would he hide this from me? It’s not so!”* **1 Samuel 20:2**

*But David took an oath and said, “Your father knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said to himself, ‘Jonathan must not know this or he will be grieved.’ Yet as surely as the Lord lives and as you live, there is only a step between me and death.”* **1 Samuel 20:3**

### **3. An inmate friend tells you the t\_\_\_\_\_ even though it's unpleasant.**

*Developing and maintaining intimate relationships and friendships.*

*Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.* **Proverbs 27:5-6**

*Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you want me to do, I’ll do for you.”* **1 Samuel 20:4**

*But show me unflinching kindness like that of the Lord as long as I live, so that I may not be killed,* **1 Samuel 20:14**

*and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the Lord has cut off every one of David’s enemies from the face of the earth.”* **1 Samuel 20:15**

*So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the Lord call David’s enemies to account.” And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.* **1 Samuel 20:16-17**

*Saul’s anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, “You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don’t I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you?”* **1 Samuel 20:30**

*As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he must die!”* **1 Samuel 20:31**

*“Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David. **1 Samuel 20:32-33***

*Jonathan stormed from the table, furiously angry, and ate nothing the rest of the day, upset for David and smarting under the humiliation from his father.*

**1 Samuel 20:34** (The Message)

*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. **1 Samuel 20:41***

*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 20:42***

*A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity. **Proverbs 17:17***

#### **4. Intimate friends stick by you when you get into \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Developing and maintaining intimate relationships and friendships.*

*And Saul’s son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength 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.”*

**1 Samuel 23:16-17**

*The two of them made a covenant before the Lord. Then Jonathan went home, but David remained at Horesh. **1 Samuel 23:18***

#### **5. Intimate friends keep their p\_\_\_\_\_ even though it's costly.**

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*And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king’s table, and he was crippled in both feet. **2 Samuel 9:13***

*[a righteous man] keeps his oath even when it hurts, **Psalms 15:4***

*there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. **Proverbs 18:24***

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”* **Luke 19:10**

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.* **John 3:17**

*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.* **John 15:13**

*Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—* **John 1:12**

*You are my friends if you do what I command.* **John 15:14**

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