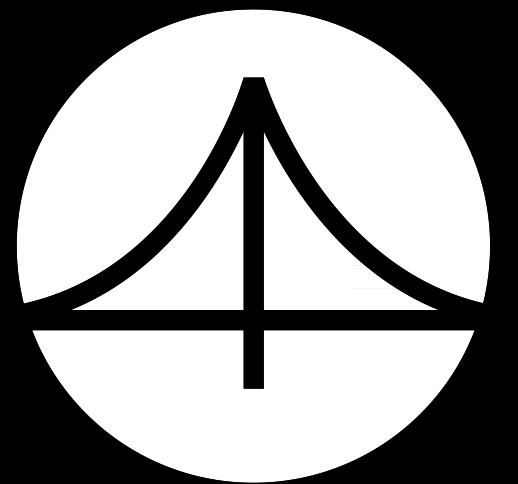


David's Relationships: Jonathan

1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7; 20:12-17, 30-34; 23:15-18;
2 Samuel 9:1-7



True friendship is intimate, sacrificial, and faithful.

- Intimate
- Sacrificial
- Faithful
- How to Get There

Intimate

“Intimacy is closeness between people in personal relationships. It’s what builds over time as you connect with someone, grow to care about each other, and feel more and more comfortable during your time together.”

– [healthline.com](https://www.healthline.com)

“Being Intimate Means ‘Into-Me-See’”

– Shana Schutte

Intimate

- Intimacy is a key ingredient in healthy friendship
- David and Jonathan's friendship is less like a friendship and more like a brotherhood
- God's plan is that Christians would interact with one another less like casual friends and more like brothers and sisters

Sacrificial

- Jonathan sacrifices his position and power for David

“This was nothing less than an act of abdication. It may not have been official, and it may not have been publicly known, but the covenant (v. 3), we may now reasonably suppose, had something to do with David and Jonathan’s respective prospects for power in Israel. David would take precedence, and Jonathan would rejoice!”

– John Woodhouse

Sacrificial

- Jonathan sacrifices his position and power for David
- Jonathan is willing to sacrifice his father's pleasure for the sake of his friendship with David
- Jonathan sacrifices his physical safety for David
- If we won't sacrifice for our friends, we have a transaction with them, not a relationship

Faithful

- Covenant - A legally binding but deeply personal promise
- Faithfulness is about sticking it out even when it's hard and there's nothing obvious for you to gain from the friendship

How to Get There

- When we define greatness according to the world's definition, we'll use, manipulate, and take advantage of others rather than sacrificing for them and being faithful to them
- Knowing the love of Jesus for us gives us the strength to be true friends