

# FRIENDS AND ENEMIES RELATIONSHIP REBOOT

**1 SAMUEL 18:1-5**

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## Fairweather or any weather?

### David & Jonathan: Ingredients of godly friendships – 1 Samuel 18:1-5

- Care for one another that flows from a deep commitment to God – 18:1-3 *As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup> And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul.*
- Commitment to lift up one another – 18:4 *And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt.*
- Commitment to the “Big Win” vs. Pettiness at the expense of everything and everyone else – 18:5 *And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.*

1 Samuel 20:42a

*Then Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring, forever.’*

1 Samuel 23:15-18a

*David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. <sup>16</sup> And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God. <sup>17</sup> And*

he said to him, “Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this.”<sup>18</sup> And the two of them made a covenant before the LORD.

### How can these truths impact our lives?

- Free us from being held captive by other people’s behavior: If we can only love to the degree that we are loved, we’ll consistently be disillusioned.
  - What’s best for my company?
  - What’s best for my neighborhood, city, or country?
  - What’s best for my marriage or dating relationship?
  - What’s best for my church?
  - What’s best for the advancement of the Gospel?
- Help us see the faithfulness of Jesus Christ who made friends out of enemies – Romans 5:6-10 *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

### Next Steps (Connect Card)

- **I’m committing my life to Jesus for the first time.**
- **I’m repenting and renewing my commitment to Jesus.**
- **I’m interested in being baptized.**
- **I’m interested in Starting Point.** Every Sunday at 10:00 am in lobby office.
- **I’m interested in Grace Track.**