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David's Heart for God

That's What Friends Are For

1 Samuel 20

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I. Loyal and Committed

1 Samuel 18:1-4

Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant

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1 Samuel 18:1-4

... with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

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I. Loyal and Committed

1 Samuel 20:8, 17

"Therefore deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is iniquity in me, put me to death yourself; for why then should you bring me to your father?"

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Ruth 1:16-18

But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried.

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I. Loyal and Committed

Ruth 1:16-18

... Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me." When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

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II. Honest

1 Samuel 20:9

Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I should indeed learn that evil has been decided by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you about it?"

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II. Honest

1 Samuel 20:12-13

Then Jonathan said to David, "The LORD, the God of Israel, be witness! When I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there is good feeling toward David, shall I not then send to you and make it known to you? If it please my father to do you harm,

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1 Samuel 20:12-13

... may the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety
And may the LORD be with you as He has been with my father.

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Proverbs 27:6, 9

Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.

Oil and perfume make the heart glad, so a man's counsel is sweet to his friend.

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Proverbs 29:5

A man who flatters his neighbor
Is spreading a net for his steps.

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III. Helpful and Kind

1 Samuel 20:4

Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

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III. Helpful and Kind

1 Samuel 20:13-15

"If it please my father to do you harm, may the LORD do so to Jonathan and more also, if I do not make it known to you and send you away, that you may go in safety And may the LORD be with you as He has been with my father.

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III. Helpful and Kind

1 Samuel 20:13-15

... If I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die? You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

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Genesis 2:20-22

The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept;

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Genesis 2:20-22

... then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. The LORD God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man.

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III. Helpful and Kind

John 15:11-14

"These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are My friends if you do what I command you."

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1 Samuel 20:30-33

Then Saul's anger burned against Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you are choosing the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established.

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1 Samuel 20:30-33

... Therefore now, send and bring him to me, for he must surely die." But Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done? Then Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him down; so Jonathan knew that his father had decided to put David to death.

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Acts 16:22-25

The crowd rose up together against them, and the chief magistrates tore their robes off them and proceeded to order them to be beaten with rods. When they had struck them with many blows, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to guard them securely;

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Acts 16:22-25

... and he, having received such a command, threw them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God, and the prisoners were listening to them;

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