

"The Bonds of Friendship"*Sunday Evening Message by Ray Reynolds (October 27, 2013)*

Introduction: As we move through **The Story** we are considering the major events in the life of David. David was a man truly blessed by the Lord. God was gracious to David in that God placed in his life certain people on whom He could lean during the hard times of life. Tonight, I want us to examine the precious friendship between David and Jonathan. Let's study together.....

Discussion:

I. True Friendship Has Uncompromising Love

A. Uncompromising because of position.

I Samuel 13:2-3, I Samuel 14:14, I Samuel 18:4

B. Uncompromising because of passion.

I Samuel 14:14, I Samuel 14:12, I Samuel 1:26

C. Uncompromising because of prudence.

I Samuel 14:29, I Samuel 18:1-4

II. True Friendship Has Uncommon Love

A. Uncommon because of service.

I Samuel 18:4, I Samuel 19:1-7

B. Uncommon because of sacrifice.

I Samuel 20:1-42, I Samuel 23:17

C. Uncommon because of selflessness.

I Samuel 18:1-4, I Samuel 23:16-18

III. True Friendship Has Uncomplicated Love

A. Uncomplicated because of goodness.

I Samuel 20:17, I Samuel 20:27-34

B. Uncomplicated because of genuineness.

I Samuel 18:1, I Samuel 20:42

C. Uncomplicated because of grace.

I Samuel 20:42, II Samuel 9:1-13

IV. True Friendship Has Unconditional Love

A. Unconditional because of dedication.

I Samuel 18:3, I Samuel 18:25, I Samuel 19:1, 8-11

B. Unconditional because of devotion.

I Samuel 19:2, 4-7, I Samuel 20:24-34

C. Unconditional because of different.

I Samuel 18:1, I Samuel 18:3, II Samuel 1:17-27

Conclusion: Wouldn't it be wonderful if each of us could have a friend like Jonathan? We need someone that we can talk to, depend on, and lean on in tough times. Someone that will always be there for us, establish a covenant with us, and never do us wrong. You can have that Friend! "A man that has friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother" (**Proverbs 18:24**). Do you need that Friend today? He loves you! He is here for you!