



**Sermon Date:** February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Sermon Title:** David and Jonathan

**Passages:** *1 Samuel 18 – 2 Samuel 1*

Pulpit Curriculum is an opportunity for you as a family group member to unpack what God's Word is speaking into your life and to have other Believers help you apply the Word of God to your life as you do life together.

### HIGHLIGHT THE SERMON

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The message this week was a look into the relationship between David and Jonathan with a practical application at the end of the sermon on how to be a Biblical friend. We covered a lot of Scripture during this sermon starting from 1 Samuel 18 and ending at 2 Samuel 1. The key Scriptures were **1 Sam 18:1-16, 1 Sam 19:1-7, 1 Sam 20, 1 Sam 23:15-18, 1 Sam 31:1-7, and 2 Sam 1:17-27**. What happened in each of these sections between David and Jonathan? What does it mean that David and Jonathan's souls were knit together? How did Jonathan honour both his father, Saul, as well as the LORD by defending David in 1 Sam 19? What was the final encouragement to David from Jonathan from 1 Sam 23? Jonathan was an excellent friend to David because he always pointed David to the LORD. Do we have friends like this in our lives? Are we that friend to others?

### EXPLAIN THE PASSAGE

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These chapters cover every time the Scriptures mention David and Jonathan being together. Throughout these chapters we see Jonathan strengthening David's hand in the LORD and encouraging him by pointing him to the LORD and by remaining faithful and loyal to David as a friend, even to the point of giving up his chance at the throne. Jonathan recognised the anointing of the LORD on David as the next king in Israel and honoured it; even though he had a hereditary right to the throne succeeding his father's rule. What can we learn from the friendship between these two men? What are some characteristics of a Biblical friendship based on what we see from David and Jonathan?

### APPLY THE WORD TO YOUR LIFE

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The main theme of the sermon is Biblical friendship, ultimately pointing to Jesus Christ as the perfect friend. What made David and Jonathan's friendship so unique? Why do you think Scripture spends so much time describing the relationship between David and Jonathan? What can we learn from their relationship in regards to our relationships with our friends? How is Christ Jesus the perfect friend? How can we be better friends to those in our lives based off of what we see from David and Jonathan, and what Jesus teaches us? To dig deeper, check out and discuss **Proverbs 18:24, Philippians 2:1-5, and Proverbs 27:9**.

### RESPOND TO THE WORD

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David and Jonathan's friendship was based on a mutual love and faith in the LORD, a desire for His will above their own, as well as having similar passions. They had similar hearts and their souls were knit together. They had a sacrificial and selfless love for one another and even made a friendship covenant with one another before the LORD. Have you ever considered making a covenant with a close friend? Why or why not? After hearing this message and reading about the friendship between David and Jonathan, how will you apply what you've learned about Biblical friendship to your own friendships? Think about a specific way that you can be a better friend this week.

***Spend some time praying for your family group members on these topics.***