



Northwest Bible Church
Message Notes: Pastor Ken Harrell
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"True Friends"

1 Samuel 18

David and Jonathan had, possibly, the greatest friendship in human history . . . certainly the most famous. What made it possible for a "man after God's own heart" to be such a friend and to have such a friend?

1. A true friend will love their friends better than _____.

Note: The word "knit" literally means "_____."

A. Jonathan loved _____ as much as Jonathan loved _____.

Note: There are no _____ to true friendship.

B. Their friendship wasn't just emotional . . . it was _____.

To Display His Commitment, Jonathan . . .

1. Gave him his robe . . . _____.
2. Gave him his armor . . . _____.
3. Gave him his belt . . . _____.

Note: Jonathan was giving to David the single most important thing one friend can ever give to another friend . . . _____!

Best Definition of a Friend

A friend is someone who will walk into your house when the whole world has just walked out.

2. A true friend will _____ in their friend.

A. You better choose your friends _____.

B. You will always become like the people you _____.

Three Questions to Ask Yourself about Your Friends

1. Do they bring out the _____ in me or the _____?

2. Am I _____ for being around them?

3. Do they motivate me to do _____ or _____?

Note: If a person doesn't meet this criteria . . .

_____!

*"My best friend is whoever brings out the best in me."
Henry Ford*

3. A true friend leads their friends _____.

Question: What was it that knitted them together so quickly?

Answer: They had the same _____.

The secret to finding a true friend is not finding someone like yourself. The secret to finding a true friend is to have a heart for God and then find somebody else that has a heart for God.

Note: The reason why David and Jonathan loved each other so much is because they _____.