

Friendship

Prov 17:17.A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

Prov 18:24.A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

James 2:23.And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Matt 12:50. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother.KJV

Brothers & Sisters in the Lord:

{a} One of the best stories I have found, is that of, David and Jonathan.

Jonathan was the oldest son of Saul. You can find this story in the book of 1st and 2nd. Samuel.

Although Saul was out to kill David, time after time Jonathan would warn David. Jonathan was a very close friend to David. {Everybody needs a friend like Jonathan}

In 1Sam. 19:1-7 Jonathan enteredceded on behalf of David. Jonathan told Saul that David had Sauls best interest in his heart.

1 Sam 19:6.And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. KJV

7.And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.KJV

1 Sam 31:6.So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together. KJV

JONATHAN

Because David loved Jonathan, he treated Jonathan's lame son, Mephibosheth, kindly (2 Sam 9).

As a final act of love and respect, David brought the bones of Saul and Jonathan from Jabesh Gilead and buried them "in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the

tomb of Kish his father" (2 Sam 21:12-14).

In this way David honored God's anointed king, Saul, and recognized the loyal, unselfish love of his friend.

The story of David and Jonathan is a good example of the unselfish nature of love.

John 15:13. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down His life for His friends.

14. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Friend 1. A person whom one knows, likes, and trusts.

{a} Last Sunday Morning I preached and used this title "Everybody needs somebody."

{b} We must put out some effort to be somebodies friend.

Rom 15:2. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

1 Thess 5:11. Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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to be a house-builder, i.e. construct or (figuratively) confirm:

KJV-(be in) build .

In this last and findly day we need to do a little more than just pray for each other.

1 Thess 5:25. Brethren, pray for us.