
“B. F. F.”

(“Best Friends Forever”) Part 1

(David & Jonathan)

“After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father’s house. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.” (1 Samuel 18:1-4, pg. 204)

The deep yearning of the human soul is for the intimacy of relationship...with God, and with our fellow human beings. The pain of our world is the pain of unhealthy relationships.

7 BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES FOR BUILDING LASTING RELATIONSHIPS... (F.R.I.E.N.D.S.)

F riends are friends forever!

- ◆ Love is an unconditional commitment to an imperfect person.

The single most important foundation for building a lifelong friendship is having Christ as the common denominator of that relationship.

Jesus was a “friend of sinners”. However... associate, but don’t assimilate.

- *“Do not be misled: bad company corrupts good character.”* (1 Corinthians 15:33)
- *“Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.”* (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)

See: 1 Samuel 20:15-17, 42; 2 Samuel 9, 16:3

Remember Christ’s words: Love your neighbor as yourself.

“Jonathan loved David as himself.” (1 Sam. 18:1,3; 20:17)

Without a Jonathan ~ there would have been no David. With incredible self-sacrifice, Jonathan gave to David...

- ◆ 1 Samuel 18:4 - His princely attire ~ to honor their covenant of friendship
- ◆ 1 Samuel 23:16-18 - The throne

“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:12-13)