

## Heart Issues: Community

### 1 Samuel 18

The heart of David was revealed by his experience and refined by his Lord. We want to understand his heart as we seek to align our own hearts with God's. This week, we'll study David's heart for community and the truth that great friendships bring glory to the Lord.

#### Psalm 133

Look! How good and how pleasant it is  
when brothers live together!  
It is like fine oil poured on the head  
which flows down the beard—  
Aaron's beard,  
then flows down his garments.  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which flows down upon the hills of Zion Indeed, that is where the Lord has decreed  
a blessing will be available—eternal life.

#### 1 Samuel 18.1

When David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan and David became bound together in close friendship. Jonathan loved David as much as he did his own life.

#### C.S. Lewis

Friendship must be about something, even if it were only an enthusiasm for dominoes or white mice. Those who have nothing can share nothing; those who are going nowhere can have no fellow-travellers.

#### 1 Samuel 18.4

Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with the rest of his gear, including his sword, his bow, and even his belt.

#### John 15.12-13

My commandment is this—to love one another just as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this—that one lays down his life for his friends.

#### 1 Samuel 19.4-5

So Jonathan spoke on David's behalf to his father Saul. He said to him, "The king should not sin against his servant David, for he has not sinned against you... why would you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death for no reason?"

#### Colossians 3.12-14

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with a heart of mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if someone happens to have a complaint against anyone else.

Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also forgive others. To all these virtues add love, which is the perfect bond.

1 Samuel 23.15-16

David realized that Saul had come out to seek his life... Then Jonathan son of Saul left and went to David at Horesh. He encouraged him through God.

Ephesians 6.18-20

With every prayer and petition,  
pray at all times in the Spirit, and to this end be alert, with all perseverance and requests for all the saints. Pray for me also... that I may be able to speak boldly as I ought to speak.