

# **REAL MEN KNIT!**

## **The Friendship of Jonathan and David**

### **I Samuel 18:1-4**

**Let's look at Jonathan and David's relationship and learn some valuable lessons about putting together a quality friendship.**

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#### **I. A KINDRED SPIRIT (1)**

##### **A. THE CONNECTION**

- An indissoluble bond, link, knot or chain

##### **B. THEIR QUALITIES: What are the ties that bind them?**

###### **1. *Natural Qualities:* Almost nothing in common**

###### David

- A shepherd musician
- The youngest of eight (I Sam. 16:10)
- Insignificant (I Sam. 16:11-12 and 17:28)

###### Jonathan

- A warrior and negotiator
- The oldest of five (14:49)
- Prominent (14:14-15, 21, 45)

###### **2. *Character Qualities:* Much in common**

###### David

- Responsible (17:20)
- Selfless (17:32)
- Courageous (17:34-36)
- Bold (17:50-51)

###### Jonathan

- Bold and assertive (13:3)
- Active initiative (14:1)
- Discerning (14:27-30)
- Submissive (14:43)

###### **3. *Spiritual Qualities:* Virtually identical**

###### David

- Conviction (17:37 )
- Confidence in God (17:45-48)

###### Jonathan

- Conviction (14:6)
- Confidence in God (14:10-12)

##### **C. AN EXAMPLE:**

- Boaz and Ruth – Ruth 2:4-13

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#### **II. A COMMITTED SPIRIT (2-3)**

##### **A. AN ATMOSPHERE FOR FRIENDSHIP (2)**

1. David is brought into the palace and will become the king's son-in-law (see 17:25 & 18:20-22)
2. Jonathan and David begin to spend time together
  - Friendship requires time and proximity

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B. AN AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL AID (3a)

1. Being true and faithful no matter what
2. Consider Proverbs 17:17 and 18:24
3. Example: Aaron and Hur in Exodus 17:10-13

C. AN ATTITUDE OF SACRIFICIAL LOVE (3b)

- A friendship based on favor not “fairness”

D. AN ADVANTAGE THAT MAY NOT BE OBVIOUS

1. See David’s Advantage – I Sam. 19:1-7
2. Consider David’s Allegiance - II Sam. 9

E. AN EXAMPLE

- Job’s comforting friends - Job 2:11-13

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III. **A CONGRATULATORY SPIRIT** (4)

A. JONATHAN’S GIFT

- His royal robe and warrior’s armor given to David

B. JONATHAN’S GRACE

- Giving special honor – See Romans 12:15

C. AN EXAMPLE

- Daniel and friends - Dan. 2:46-49

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IV. **A COMMENDABLE SPIRIT** - How do we compare?

A. WHAT FRIENDSHIP QUALITIES DO WE DEMONSTRATE?

- Consider Proverbs 27:17

B. WHAT FRIENDSHIP QUALITIES DO WE ADMIRE?

- Are we careful to focus on another’s spiritual qualities most of all?

**CONCLUSION:**

This friendship between two very different people, representing two very different dynasties, is an indication of what people yielded to God can do to create harmony rather than hatred.

**God help us to knit like these two men!**

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