

### **Campus Corona Devotional #3** **David and Jonathon**

What should strong, biblical, friendships look like? What is it that makes friendships in the kingdom different than that of the world?

#### **1 Samuel 18:1–4**

*“became one in spirit”*

- David and Jonathon were unified in the purpose of glorifying God and fulfilling his will even at great personal expense. Jonathon, the rightful heir to the throne, 30 years older than David, gives him his robe, symbolic giving him his status as heir. Jonathon was the firstborn, raised in a palace; David, the youngest of 8, grew up in Bethlehem. One trained for war, the other trained to tend sheep. Jonathon was next in line to inherit the throne, David was anointed the next King in place of Jonathon. Despite every difference in upbringing and every possible conflict of interest, they had everything in common BECAUSE God was their everything (**Acts 2:42**)! What do we let divide us today? Do we focus on the hobbies we have in common, or on our common purpose?

#### **1 Samuel 20:16–17, 20:41–42**

*“loved him as he loved himself”*

- Jonathon had a deep care and concern for David’s well-being, both physical and emotional. They wept for each other, they were willing to die for one another. Jonathon was fully prepared to give up everything for David, and he loved him as he loved himself. This very same value Jesus would later call the second greatest commandment (**Matthew 22:39**). How highly do we value our friendships in the church? In this campus ministry? How much time do we spend taking care of one another, and not just having fun? Jonathon gave to David more than he ever received, he was there for some of the hardest times in David’s life (**Proverbs 17:17**). Do we shy away when our friends are struggling, or are we there ESPECIALLY when they need us to be?

#### **1 Samuel 23:16–17**

*“helped him find strength in God”*

- One of the most important aspects in strong biblical friendships! Our friendships cannot just be about having fun together, though that should be there, it should not end there. Often times it is not the discipler that makes the “biggest spiritual difference” in our lives, it’s the friends who care enough to call one another higher. Friendship in and of itself is a gift from God, it sharpens us (**Proverbs 27:17**) and comforts us (**Job 2:11**). When was the last time you helped a friend find strength in God? How will you be someone who helps others find strength in God this semester? Love pushes us to better places; true friendships will push you to God! This semester, while it’s hard to be there in person, let us all still be actively engaged in each other’s lives and build some great memories and build some unbreakable friendships!

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