

# FIRST SAMUEL STUDY

## CHAPTER 18:1-30

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### “FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH” – PART 2

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*Loyalty, Friendship, Unity, Adversity*

INTRODUCTION to the text:

*I Samuel 18:1-30*

## FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH

1.) *It's a matter of the Soul*

vv. 1-4

a.) *There will be a “Commonality of Pursuits”*

1 Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the **soul** of Jonathan was **knit** to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

“Knit”

Now when he, (David) had finished speaking to Saul...

### The Love of True Friends

*Has at its core a Commonality of Pursuits. Both Jonathan and David “Loved God”.*

Individuality  
is the Spice of Every Relationship.

God Was Their “Common” Pursuit

## FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH

*It's a matter of the Soul*

b.) *There will be a “Glad Commitment”*

3 ...Then Jonathan and David **made a covenant**, because he, (Jonathan) loved him, (David) as his own soul.

## They Literally "Cut a Deal", a Covenant

*They took an animal and reverently placed their hands upon that animal and made a Covenant between them both...*

### c.) ***There will be a "Willing Sacrifice"***

4 And Jonathan took off **the robe** that was on him and gave it to David, with **his armor**, even to **his sword** and **his bow** and **his belt**.

## FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH

### 2.) ***It's an Issue of the Heart***

**vv. 5-16**

#### a.) ***A Godly Heart is an Attractive Thing***

5 So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and **behaved wisely**.

### **"behaved wisely"**

He kept himself under control in "thought" and "deed".

### The Decisions You and I Make

will reveal what kind of people we really are.

### 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

## FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH

### ***It's an Issue of the Heart***

This Godly Character Will Naturally Generate Enemies

#### b.) ***A Godly Heart will Have its Enemies***

8 Then Saul was **very angry**, and the saying **displeased him**; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

### **"Gross Insecurity"** Will kill a work of God

## Saul's Hidden Nature Becomes Obvious

Problems and Difficulties will Always Reveal what a Man is Made of.

## **You Don't Have a Real Friend Until they have seen you at your worst**

**10** And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied (a babbling rage) inside the house. **So David played music with his hand**, as at other times; **but there was a spear** in Saul's hand.

### **Warfare or Worship?**

**Your Attitude will Determine what's in your hand.**

Philippians 2:4-7

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. **5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

### **Your “Attitude” Determines Your “Altitude”**

**11** And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence - twice.

**12** Now Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, but had departed from Saul.

#### ***A Man on the Way Up*** ***A Man on the Way Down***

Well David “**Got the Point**” – He Departed from Saul,  
Being “**Spear-it-led**”, to get out of there...

“**ALL CIRCUMSTANCES SPEAK ABOUT THE GOODNESS OF GOD**”

We Worship a Perfect God, But We live in an Imperfect World.

### **FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH** ***It's an Issue of the Heart***

#### **c.) A Godly Heart will be Friendly – “Approachable”**

**13** Therefore Saul removed him from his presence, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. **14** And David **behaved wisely in all his ways**, and the LORD was with him.

**15** Therefore, when Saul saw that he behaved very wisely, he was afraid of him. **16** But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

**“...he went out and came in before them.”**

David was a man who enjoyed being himself among the people.

**No Hypocrisy in Him.**

**(Don't be surprised if others will want to be your friend).**

## Trust God/Live for God/Seek After God

I Want That Kind of Friend in my Life Because I want to become like them.

“...he went out and came in before **them**.”

**He was with the people.**

*They saw him. They knew him. They loved him.*

### Religious Circles are Dangerous

When church staff avoids the fellowship of the congregation

When the man who stands in the Pulpit is not a Pastor

### There are many teachers in the pulpit

who are not pastors. They're called pastors and they're paid like pastors.

## FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH

**3.) It's Having a Sound Mind**

**vv. 17-30**

### FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH

***It's Having a Sound Mind***

**a.) Mindful of Whom we Really are**

17 Then Saul said to David, "Here is my older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife. Only be valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles." For Saul thought, "Let my hand not be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against him." 18 So David said to Saul, "**Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king?"** 19 But it happened at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, that she was given to Adriel the Me-ho-la-thite as a wife.

***Mindful of Whom we Really are...***

**18"Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family in Israel,**

**Romans 12:3**

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, **as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.**

***Living on the Edge***  
***Is God's will for our lives.***

# FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH

## *It's Having a Sound Mind*

### **b.) Mindful of the Things of God**

**20** Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. **21** So Saul said, "I will give her to him, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall be my son-in-law today." **22** And Saul commanded his servants, "Communicate with David secretly, and say, 'Look, the king has delight in you, and all his servants love you. Now therefore, become the king's son-in-law.'" **23** So Saul's servants spoke those words in the hearing of David. And David said, "Does it seem to you a light thing to be a king's son-in-law, seeing I am a poor and lightly esteemed man?" **24** And the servants of Saul told him, saying, "In this manner David spoke." **25** Then Saul said, "Thus you shall say to David: 'The king does not desire any dowry but one hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on the king's enemies.'" But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. **26** So when his servants told David these words, **it pleased David well to become the king's son-in-law.** Now the days had not expired;

## David Was

### *Mindful of the Things of God*

Psalm 27:4-5

**4** One thing I have desired of the LORD, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. **5** For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle he shall hide me; he shall set me high upon a rock.

# FRIENDS AND FOES IN THE FAITH

## *It's Having a Sound Mind*

### **c.) Mindful of the Power of God**

**27** therefore David arose and went, he and his men, and killed two hundred men of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full count to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. Then Saul gave him Michal his daughter as a wife. **28** Thus Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him; **29** and Saul was still more afraid of David. So Saul became David's enemy continually. **30** Then the princes of the Philistines went out to war. And so it was, whenever they went out, that David behaved more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed.

## Final Words on Friendship

I John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

*The End*