

**“THE VALUE OF A TRUE FRIEND”
SERMON 4 IN LIFE OF DAVID SERIES**

1 SAM 18

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I. AFTER THE VICTORY, A TIME OF TRIAL.

a. Today we will see “Coming Down from the Mountain Top”

- i. What Happens after the Mountain Top Experience?
- ii. It is good we do not know the future. We could not enjoy the pleasures of the present if we knew the pain of the future.
- iii. Examine David’s Life after Goliath.
 1. Blessed with a True Friend
 2. Becomes very popular with the people
 3. Persecuted by King Saul.

II. DAVID IS BLESSED WITH A TRUE FRIEND (18:1-4)

a. There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother. Prov 18:24 (NKJV)

b. We may never have but one true friend in life.

c. A True Friend Loves (1)

- i. *Love is patient, love is kind. Love does not envy, is not boastful, is not conceited, 5 does not act improperly, is not selfish, is not provoked, and does not keep a record of wrongs.6 Love finds no joy in unrighteousness but rejoices in the truth. 7 It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends.. 1 Cor 13:4-8 (HCSB)*

d. A True Friend Gives (3-4)

- i. *So Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it for you." 1 Sam 20:4 (NKJV)*
- ii. Gave His Promise (3)
- iii. Gave His Position (4)
- iv. Gave His Power (4)
 1. Signified Jonathan’s great sacrifice for David

e. A True Friend Defends (19:1-7)

f. A True Friend Accepts (20:41-42)

- i. You do not have to put on airs around a true friend
- ii. He accepts you as you are.

g. A True Friend Encourages (23:16-18)

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h. Jesus is our True Friend

- i. *15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. John 15:15 (NKJV)*

III. DAVID BEHAVES HIMSELF WISELY (18:5, 14, 15, 30)

a. Hebrew word “Sakal”

- i. Translated in KJV 63 times
 - 1. understand 12
 - 2. wise 12
 - 3. prosper 8
- ii. *Proverbs 10:19 When there are many words, sin is unavoidable, but the one who controls his lips is wise (sakal).*
 - 1. Control your tongue.
 - 2. Know how to keep your mouth shut.
- iii. *Proverbs 21:11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise; But when the wise is instructed (sakal), he receives knowledge.*
 - 1. To be teachable.

b. When Praised by People

- i. 18:5-7

c. When Persecuted by Friends

- i. 18:8-15

d. When Pursued by Enemies

- i. 18:20-30

IV. THREE PATHS TO FOLLOW

a. The Friendship of Jonathan

- i. Loyal
- ii. Dedicated
- iii. Selfless

b. The Wisdom of David

- i. Humble

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ii. Self-Controlled

iii. Forgiving

iv. Hard Working

c. The Jealousy of Saul

i. Fearful

ii. Why are we jealous?

1. Because we see someone who is better than us. In them we see our own weaknesses.

d. Be God's Man and do things God's way.

i. **Don't be petty like Saul, Fearful of failure, Jealous of the success of others, plotting to cause the downfall of others.**

ii. **Be a faithful friend like Jonathan, Loyal Dedicated, Selfless**

iii. **Be a wise man like David. Humble when praised, Self-Controlled when attacked, Giving your hurt to God to take care of as David did with Saul.**