

## Love Forms Our Relationships

**1 Samuel 18:1-4 (GW)** <sup>1</sup> David finished talking to Saul. After that, Jonathan became David's closest friend. He loved David as much as he loved himself. <sup>2</sup> (From that day on Saul kept David as his servant, and didn't let him go back to his family.) <sup>3</sup> So Jonathan made a pledge of mutual loyalty with David because he loved him as much as he loved himself. <sup>4</sup> Jonathan took off the coat he had on and gave it to David along with his battle tunic, his sword, his bow, and his belt.

1) What is surprising about David and Jonathan's friendship?

2) What did David have to gain in this friendship? Lose?

3) What did Jonathan have to gain in this friendship? Lose?

4) How does their friendship reflect Jesus' friendship with us?

**Luke 23:11-12 (W)** <sup>11</sup> Herod and his soldiers treated Jesus with contempt and made fun of him. They put a colorful robe on him and sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup> So Herod and Pilate became friends that day. They had been enemies before this.

5) What was Herod's and Pilate's friendship based on?

6) Do you think their friendship lasted? Why or why not?

**Romans 12:16 (ESV)** Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight

7) What things does Paul tell us not to do?

8) What do these things have to do with love?

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12) How did Jonathan's and David's friendship reflect Paul's admonition?

13) How does Jesus' friendship with us reflect this?

**Romans 15:7 (ESV)** Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

14) How does welcoming one another bring God glory?

15) What does welcoming one another have to do with love?

**1 Peter 4:9 (ESV)** Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

16) What does grumbling tell others?

17) How does showing hospitality reflect God's love?

**1 Peter 5:5 (ESV)** Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

18) How does being subject to those who are older (elders) show love?

19) How does living in humility show love to others?

**1 John 1:7 (ESV)** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

20) What do you think walking in the light means?

21) How does this walking in the light create relationships?

22) What does this walking in the light have to do with love?