



# **Friendship: How to Make Friends at Church**

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Prov. 17:17; I Samuel 14-20

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- *“Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.” (1 Cor. 15:33).*

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*<sup>1</sup> Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. <sup>2</sup> Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. <sup>3</sup> Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. <sup>4</sup> Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, including his sword and his bow and his belt.*

1 Samuel 18:1-4



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Unselfish love has incredible bonding power.

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*<sup>14</sup> If I am still alive, will you not show me the lovingkindness of the LORD, that I may not die? <sup>15</sup> You shall not cut off your lovingkindness from my house forever, not even when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.” <sup>16</sup> So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD require it at the hands of David’s enemies.” <sup>17</sup> Jonathan made David vow again because of his love for him, because he loved him as he loved his own life.*

1 Samuel 20:14-17

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*<sup>3</sup> Yet David vowed again, saying, “Your father knows well that I have found favor in your sight, and he has said, ‘Do not let Jonathan know this, or he will be grieved.’ But truly as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, there is hardly a step between me and death.” <sup>9</sup> Jonathan said, “Far be it from you! For if I should indeed learn that evil has been decided by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you about it?” <sup>41</sup> When the lad was gone, David rose from the south side and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed three times. And they kissed each other and wept together, but David wept the more. 1 Samuel 20:3,9,41*

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*<sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

**John 15:15**

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