

Community Group Discussion Questions

“BFF” 1 Samuel 18:1-5 July 15/16

Getting Started

Friends become family when the reason for the relationship transcends selfishness and embraces sacrifice. Therefore, to become a BFF with someone is truly a gift from God.

We often become friends with people because they are fun to be with or they make us laugh, or make us feel good. But how many of us have friendships that transcend selfishness and embrace sacrifice? Which friend(s) do you have in your life that require sacrifice from you?

Going Deeper

What is a BFF you might ask?

- I. A Bond of Endearment was Formed: 1 Samuel 18:1
 - A. Common Courage: “knit”
 - B. Continual Care: “loved”

Take a minute to look back over chapter 17, starting with verse 17, and point out some of the qualities Jonathan saw in David that made him want to befriend David. (*possible answers*: cared for his family (17-18), obedient to his father (20), righteous anger (26), zeal for God (26), confident, (34-37), full of faith (45-47), courageous (48-49), regal/king-like (57), humble (58).)

- II. A Binding Enactment was Forged: 1 Samuel 18:3
 - A. Solemn Oath: “made a covenant”
 - B. Sacrificial Offering: “because he loved him”

What words or phrases would you use if you were going to make a covenant with a friend for life? What sacrifices would you be willing to make? What would your motivation be to do this?

III. A Birthright of Empowerment was Forfeited: 1 Samuel 18:4-5

A. Bestowal of Achievement: “stripped” (vs. 4)

- Robe-
- Armor-
- Sword-
- Bow-
- Belt-

Note: Just as David received the accomplishments from Saul’s son Jonathon by grace, we received the reward of God’s son Jesus’ perfect righteousness.

In doing this, Jonathan was willingly letting David know that Jonathan realized David would be the future King, not himself. Can you imagine someone who had everything to look forward to, and yet laid it all aside to see someone else take it?

Who do you have in your life that you think so highly of that you would willingly give up all you had, or make a significant sacrifice for in order to see them advance and succeed?

B. Blessing of Accomplishment: “successful” (vs. 5)

Jonathan’s sacrifice paved the way for David’s success. To be a BFF is to leverage everything you have for someone else’s success, thus putting to death in you, COMPARISON, COVETOUSNESS, COMPETITIVENESS, thus making you more like Christ, the one true friend in the Story. (READ Philippians 2:3-8) What do these verses say Jesus did for you?

Group Prayer Requests

Pray for all the children attending VBS this week, that they will experience Jesus Christ and believe in Him.