Title: “BFF”
Text: 1 Samuel 18:1-5

Target: 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.

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”

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

III. **A Birthright of Empowerment was Forfeited:** 1 Samuel 18:4-5
    A. Bestowal of Achievement: “stripped” (vs. 4)
       • Robe-________________________
       • Armor-________________________
       • Sword-________________________
       • Bow-__________________________
       • Belt-__________________________
    B. Blessing of Accomplishment: “successful” (vs. 5)

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.

Take Away: Today’s challenge is to confront the reality that each one of us has the tendency to hear a message on Jonathon and David and immediately see ourselves as the in the story. 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.