

## A True Friend

“David: Up Close and Personal”

1 Samuel 18:1-4 - 10.10.21 – East Bay Calvary

*“Oh, the comfort, the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person, having neither to weigh thoughts, nor measure words, but pouring them, all right out – just as they are – chaff and grain together – certain that a faithful hand will take them and sift them – keeping what is worth keeping – and with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away.” – Dinah Craik*

“After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.” **1 Samuel 18:1-4**

### David:

- The youngest son of a very meager family.
- He got the lowest tasks.
- David had meager possessions.

### Jonathan:

- The eldest son of the King, King Saul.
  - He was first in line for the riches of the kingdom.
  - He was first in line for the throne. (1 Samuel 20:30-31) –
  - He had a posh life.

“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

### Jonathan made a covenant with David:

- **An Unconditional Covenant.**

“Covenant” - a “determination, stipulation or pledge”

- **A Sacrificial Covenant.**

**Jonathan humbly relinquished all his rights to God!**

- **A Loving Covenant.**

### Consider your relationships with others.

*“You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in more people, than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.”*

### Consider Jesus’ relationship with you.

*“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”*  
1 John 4:10-15