

WHO'S YOUR JONATHAN?

Reference: miscellaneous Scripture

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Someone has suggested there are four classifications of friends:

- _____
... someone we interact with on an infrequent and more superficial basis
- _____ friends
... someone we have contact with more often than an acquaintance
- _____ friends
... someone we feel free to share more of ourselves with
- _____ friends
... someone we maintain close contact with even if geographical distance separates us; someone we have a transparent and authentic relationship with

The **first characteristic** of an intimate authentic friendship is that a true friend _____ for his friend

Reference: **I Samuel 18:1-4**,

verse one, "Now when he (David) had finished speaking to Saul, **the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David**, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

verse two, "Saul took him (David) that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore."

verse three, "Then **Jonathan and David made a covenant**, because he (Jonathan) loved him (David) as his own soul."

verse four, "and Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt."

The **second characteristic** of intimate authentic friendship is that a true friend _____ his friend.

Reference: **I Samuel 19:1-5**,

verse one, "Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, **that they should kill David**; but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted greatly in David."

verse two, "So Jonathan told David, saying, 'My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret place and hide.'"

verse three, "And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you. Then what I observe, I will tell you."

verse four, "Thus Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, 'Let not the king sin against his servant, against David, **because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you.**'"

verse five, "For he took his life in his hands and killed the Philistine (Goliath) and the LORD brought about a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?"

The **third characteristic** of intimate authentic friendship is that a true friend has a _____ to _____ connection to his friend.

Reference: **I Samuel 20:41-42**,

verse forty-one, "As soon as the lad had gone, David arose from a place toward the south, fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down three times. **And they kissed one another; and they wept together, but David more so.**"

verse forty-two, "Then Jonathan said to David, 'Go in peace, **since we have both sworn in the name of the LORD** (i.e. friendship covenant), saying, 'May the LORD be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.' So he arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city."

The **fourth characteristic** of intimate authentic friendship is that a true friend is a constant _____ to his friend

Reference: **I Samuel 23:16-17**,

verse sixteen, "Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the woods and strengthened his hand in God."

verse seventeen, "And he said to him, '**Do not fear**, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. **You shall be king over Israel**, and I shall be next to you. Even my father Saul knows that.'"

CONCLUSION:

In this ancient friendship, Jonathon acted as a model friend to David; but, there is someone else who is the most authentic and true friend someone could ever have. His name is _____.