

Characters - Jonathan - 2nd Oct

You got a friend in me

Friends are loyal

Everyone likes to have friends

Friends help you do life better

Ecc 4:9-10 - putty the man who doesn't have a friend



A true friend is someone who comes in when everyone else is heading out

How do you find a friend like that? Be a friend

Jonathan was a true friend to David

Jonathan was 1st born son to king Saul - who was king of Israel

What he sacrificed and gave up to be a true friend of David

He had the birth right to be the next king

King Saul sees something in David when he kills Goliath - and takes him under his wing and that is where Jonathan's friendship started

Jonathan saw something in David (God's hand on his life)

Jonathan gave his sword & tunic to David - giving up his birth right to David - a true friend

David is rising up in the ranks - the king's right hand man

People saying king Saul killed 1000's but David has killed his 10,000's - King Saul got angry and jealous

1 Samuel 20 - David realizes that King Saul is trying to kill him and talks with Jonathan - they decide to test and see if it is right - full moon festival not going to go, King Saul gets very angry - Jonathan then realizes that David was right

He then tells David to run away

1 Samuel 20:41-42 David wept the most, the Lord is witness between you and me forever

1. A true friend is loyal

Jonathan remained loyal to his friend no matter what

True hearted & dependable

David turned to Jonathan because he knows he can depend on him

Being loyal means sacrificing something sometimes

2. True friends are honest with each other

The principle of a true friend needs to be highlighted and raised in our marriages today - both inside and outside of the church - your spouse needs to be your true friend in your life

Being a true friend doesn't involve telling them what they want to hear but the truth - permission to ask you anything about your life, home, work, relationship, God, marriage etc - and answer them honestly and listen to their honest feedback

Prov 27:36 wounds from a friend can be trusted

3. True friends are Christ centered

1 Samuel 20:23 Lord is witness

1 Samuel 20:42 sworn friendship in the name of the Lord

It is only in Christ that we can commit to be true friends by overcoming our sin nature

Jonathan left us a good example on how to become a true friend - loyal, honest and Christ centered

John 15:13 lay down his life for his friends

Roman 5:8 while we were still sinners Christ died for us - no guarantee that we would turn to him