

## SEEKING A LIFE WITH A HEART FOR GOD—4

### *“The Friend of a Champion”—Interlude*

1 Samuel 14

Introduction: At this time, we must take an unexpected turn in our study. Let’s take a look at David’s best friend, Jonathan.

#### SOME INTERESTING SIDELIGHTS:

It is interesting to study what we are told of four **“LOVES”** in reference to David in this segment:

- The first **“LOVE”** is that of Saul [1 Samuel 16:21]. *“And David came to Saul, and stood before him; and he loved him greatly . . .”*
- The second **“LOVE”** is that of Michal [1 Samuel 18:20, 28].
- The third **“LOVE”** is that of the people’s [1 Samuel 18:16, 22].
- The fourth **“LOVE”** is that of Jonathan [1 Samuel 18:1-4].

NOW BACK TO DAVID . . .

#### I. **FIRST, IN COLLECTING DATA FROM THIS CHAPTER, IT PICTURES AN \_\_\_\_\_ FRIEND [1 Samuel 17:55-56].**

A. First, it is unlikely that Jonathan could be a friend because he \_\_\_\_\_ the influence of a godly father.

B. Secondly, it is unlikely that Jonathan could be a friend because he \_\_\_\_\_ the potential of a royal future.

#### II. **SECONDLY, IN COLLATING THE DATE, IT PROFILES SOME \_\_\_\_\_ GIFTS FROM A FRIEND [1 Samuel 18:2-4].**

A. Gift #1—He gave David the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ acceptance.

B. Gift #2—Jonathan gave David the gift of an \_\_\_\_\_ commitment.

There were two tests given to Jonathan’s commitment to David:

1. Test #1—The \_\_\_\_\_ popularity of David [18:5a].
2. Test #2—The \_\_\_\_\_ loss of personal advancement.

#### III. **THIRDLY, IN CRYSTALLIZING THE DATA, IT PRESENTS SOME \_\_\_\_\_ CONCLUSIONS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP.**

A. Biblical friendships are not \_\_\_\_\_ on natural chemistry, but are \_\_\_\_\_ by a supernatural commitment.

B. Biblical friendships are not \_\_\_\_\_ in a moment by chance, they are \_\_\_\_\_ over time with care.