THE FAITH-FULL FRIENDS

ADULT
Unit 5
LESSON HANDOUT
Lesson 11

BIBLE TRUTH
God gives us faithful friends.

LEARNER GOAL
I can consider how the narrative reveals an example of godly friendship and connect that friendship to God's love for me in Christ.

BIBLE VERSE
A friend loves at all times. Proverbs 17:17

David and Jonathan
1 Samuel 18:1–9; 20:18–42

REFLECTIONS

OPENING REFLECTION What are the top qualities of a great friend? Rank your top five qualities. Why did you put those in that order?

1 SAMUEL 18:1–5 In giving away his gear to his friend David, Jonathan is renouncing his claim to the throne in favor of David. How does this change or impact your understanding of the nature of David and Jonathan's friendship?

1 SAMUEL 18:6–9 Contrast the words and actions of Saul to the words and actions of Jonathan from the previous section (**vv. 1–5**). What can we learn about godly relationships from this contrast?

1 SAMUEL 20:18–34 Using details from the text, what can we learn from Jonathan about the nature of loyalty and true friendship?

1 SAMUEL 20:35–42 How do the words of Jonathan to David at the end of this section connect to all Christian friendships?

FINAL REFLECTION In your own words, consider how the narrative reveals an example of godly friendship and connect that friendship to God's love for you in Christ.

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