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## The Impact of a Faithful Friend

1 Samuel 23:15-18

### A godly friendship ...

1) ... strengthens us in our faith.

We do our friends a great disservice when God is absent, or on the fringe, of our friendships.

2) ... is intentional and proactive.

Who among your friends might be hoping you will reach out to strengthen them?

3) ... is loyal and compassionate.

1 Corinthians 13:7 ... *"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."*

4) ... is bold to speak the truth.

We ensure we are speaking the truth to our friends by pointing them to the word of God.

# Memory Verses

**2 Timothy 2:21** ... *"Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work."*

**1 Peter 2:9–12** ... *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."*

## Scripture to Pray

**Proverbs 17:17** ... *"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."*

**Proverbs 18:24** ... *"A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."*

**Proverbs 27:6** ... *"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy."*

## Live the Word

- 1) Prayerfully consider one friend who you believe needs to be strengthened in God.
- 2) Write a note to this friend encouraging them in God's truth.
- 3) Pray for this friend daily over the coming week and follow up with a phone call or in person meeting.