



Times of Worship

Sunday Bible Classes:	9am
Sunday AM Worship:	10am
Sunday PM Worship:	5pm
Wednesday Bible Study:	7pm

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Church Website:

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Interested in a Bible Study?

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Evangelist

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David and Jonathan

One of the greatest friendships in the Bible is between David and Jonathan. Jonathan was oldest son of the first king of Israel, potential heir to the throne. David was a young shepherd, the youngest boy in his family. He was anointed by Samuel to be the next king over Israel. Jonathan was from the tribe of Benjamin while David was of Judah. Many believe Jonathan was quite a bit older than David was. Jonathan was fighting and leading men in battle while David was a youth shepherding sheep. From an outside perspective, these two seemed more like they would be enemies than friends. However **1 Samuel 18:1** states, "The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself." Why did these two seemingly natural rivals become best friends?

The statement in chapter 18 comes right after David shows us his great faith in God by defeating Goliath. (**1Sa 17**) Jonathan was also a man of faith in God who went up against a Pharisee garrison and killed 20 men along with his armor bearer. God gave David and Jonathan a great victory for the Israelites over the Philistines in these two instances. Jonathan knew God is not restrained to save by many or by few. (**1Sa 14:6**) David knew God was able to save

New Songs

- ✦ Be Strong and Courageous
- ✦ Savior and Friend
- ✦ Faithful Love

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Sidney Gray (11/13)
- ✦ Ginny Morgan (11/14)
- ✦ Jimmy Fox (11/15)

Calendar Items

Singing Class on 2nd Sunday

Women's Bible Study at the building on Tuesdays at 11am

Men's Meeting every 4th Sunday at 4pm at the building

Today's Lessons

- ✦ "One Woman Man"
- ✦ The Jealousy of Saul

Midweek Bible Study

- ✦ Luke 3:15ff

from a bear, lion, or giant. (1Sa 17:36) What attracted and united these two men was their faith.

Their friendship would continue to grow. 1Sa 19:1 says Jonathan "greatly delighted in David." Jonathan went to bat for David and convinced his father not to kill him saying he has not sinned against you and he has been very beneficial to you. (19:4) After convincing his father not to put David to death Saul changed his mind. David told Jonathan and he did not believe David's words. He trusted David and found out for himself David was correct and helped David escape from his father's hand. They made a covenant together right before David left the palace for good. While Saul searched for David with his entire army in order to put the future king of Israel to death, Jonathan arose and went to David and encouraged him in God. (23:16)

Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." I believe this is a great description of the relationship between Jonathan and David. They had a common faith and love for God. When they were together, they strengthened and encouraged each other in the Lord. What a great model and example for you and me.

All Christians are different from one another; there is not a one of us who is exactly like someone else. Let Jonathan and David teach us the lesson that even though we may be different, our common faith in God is what should unite us together.

Paul reminds us of so many things we have in common with each other in Ephesians 4:4-6. We are part of the same body with Christ being our head. We have the same Spirit guiding us. We all share the hope of being with God in heaven. We all serve the same Lord. We have the same faith. We are were all baptized into the death and resurrection of Christ. Therefore, let's strive for unity!

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