

“Iron Sharpening Iron – Biblical Friendship”

1 Samuel 18-20

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Introduction

1. Who has been the most influential person in your life? Why?

2. Can you name some examples of friendship in the Bible?

3. Consider some of what the Bible has to say about friendship:

- **Proverbs 17:9**
- **Proverbs 17:17**
- **Proverbs 18:24**
- **Proverbs 22:24**
- **Proverbs 27:6**
- **Proverbs 27:9-10**
- **Proverbs 27:14**
- **Proverbs 27:17**
- **Ecclesiastes 4:9**
- **Deuteronomy 13:6**
- **Job 6:14**
- **Matthew 11:19**
- **James 2:23**
- **John 15:13-15** “Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.”

4. This morning I want us to examine the friendship of David and Jonathan to notice 4 characteristics of a sharpening friendship:

1. A sharpening friendship is one that is based on _____ (**1 Samuel 18:1,3**)

2. A sharpening friendship is one that is based on _____ (**1 Samuel 18:4**)

3. A sharpening friendship is one that is based on _____ (**1 Samuel 19:1-7; 20:1-17**)

4. A sharpening friendship is one that is based on _____ (**1 Samuel 20:18-42**)