



# not what i planned!!!

## Friends for Life - part 2

Journey with Jesus: Luke 1:5-2:7  
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### How does God fit into our friendships?

1. When there is a \_\_\_\_\_ God will  
reveal \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Sam. 20:24-31

**Adopt:** a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; b) \_\_\_\_\_

2. When there is a \_\_\_\_\_ God will  
support \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Sam. 20:32-34

**Acknowledge:** a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; b) \_\_\_\_\_

3. When there is a \_\_\_\_\_ God will  
grieve \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Sam. 20:35-41

**Assert:** a) \_\_\_\_\_ ; b) \_\_\_\_\_

### Take Home Truth

When God is at the \_\_\_\_\_  
friendships become \_\_\_\_\_. 1 Sam. 20:42

#### Today's Core Practice:

**Biblical Community:** "I will fellowship with  
other Christians because God has called me to  
love and encourage others.  
(from Hebrews 10:24-25)

#### Today's Action:

Have you lost a friend in recent days?  
Acknowledge that sorrow to the Lord and  
invite His healing into your life.

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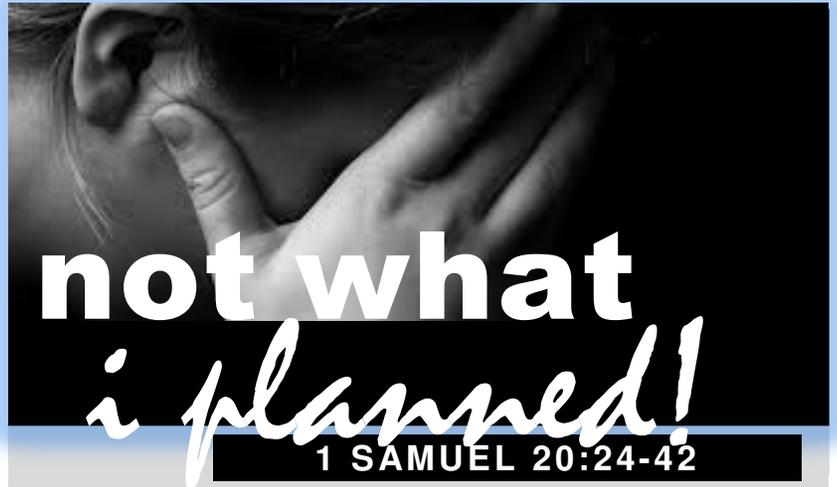
## Deeper Connection Study

Jonathan learns what the reader has already firmly grasped - Saul is out of control and bent on destroying David. While the narrative plays out in predicted ways, the twist involves the emotions of all three characters described. Their words matter and what they do reveals where they stand with God and one another. *Today's Core Virtue discussed: Faith*

### Read 1 Samuel 20:24-42

1. Why is David's absence a big issue in Saul's mind (vv. 24-27)? How does Saul respond to the news (vv. 28-33)?
2. How is Jonathan stuck in the middle between his father and his friend? How is his situation a tricky one to navigate?
3. In this chapter, what incredible contrast exists between Jonathan and Saul doing God's will?
4. How does covenant govern your relationships with others? In another way, how do you fulfill vows to your friends?
5. How was David and Jonathan's farewell (vv. 35-42)? How was there an element of trusting God for their unforeseen future?
6. Sometimes friendships have been born out of adversity (Prov. 17:17). How have certain friends been there for you? How have you helped your friends amidst hard times? How do you entrust your friends to God and pray for them?

**PRAYER TO THE POINT:** Praise God for his sovereignty and care. Pray for a deeper trust in God when times are difficult and the future seems uncertain. Ask God to help you encourage friends experiencing hard circumstances.



At one time or another everyone experiences a loss or a setback. It might be a financial loss because the tuition fee went up or the health insurance premium was dramatically increased. The loss could be a goal that was sabotaged because a boss was biased or a relative was antagonistic towards their endeavor. However, as common as those losses might be, they are not as common as the loss of a friend.

At some point everyone has lost a friend. The loss of that friend may have come because the friend moved, or maybe because they passed away, or perhaps because a misunderstanding was not resolved. No matter what the cause may have been, it brought a deep sense of sadness. In the midst of the sorrow, where was God, what was God doing and what was He thinking?

In this part of chapter 20 we will witness David suffering the loss of his dear friend Jonathan. As the author records this moving story he wants his readers to not only identify with their sorrow but to identify with their faith.