

“A Story of an Incredible Friendship”
I Samuel 20 & I Chronicles 11:10-19
David & Jonathan & King David’s Mighty Men
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I Samuel 20:1-4ff

1 David fled from Naioth in Ramah. He came before Jonathan and said, "What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin against your father that he is trying to take my life?" **2** He said to him, "Far from it! You shall not die. My father does nothing either great or small without disclosing it to me; and why should my father hide this from me? Never!" **3** But David also swore, "Your father knows well that you like me; and he thinks, "Do not let Jonathan know this, or he will be grieved." But truly, as the Lord lives and as you yourself live, there is but a step between me and death." **4** Then Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

I Chronicles 11:10-19

10 Now these are the chiefs of David's warriors, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel. **11** This is an account of David's mighty warriors: Jashobeam, son of Hachmoni, was chief of the Three; he wielded his spear against three hundred whom he killed at one time. **12** And next to him among the three warriors was Eleazar son of Dodo, the Ahohite. **13** He was with David at Pas-dammim when the Philistines were gathered there for battle. There was a plot of ground full of barley. Now the people had fled from the Philistines, **14** but he and David took their stand in the middle of the plot, defended it, and killed the Philistines; and the Lord saved them by a great victory. **15** Three of the thirty chiefs went down to the rock to David at the cave of Adullam, while the army of Philistines was encamped in the valley of Rephaim. **16** David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then at Bethlehem. **17** David said longingly, "O that someone would give me water to drink from the well of Bethlehem that is by the gate!" **18** Then the Three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and they brought it to David. But David would not drink of it; he poured it out to the Lord, **19** and said, "My God forbid that I should do this. Can I drink the blood of these men? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." Therefore he would not drink it. The three warriors did these things.

1. The Godly nature of a true and deep friendship (I Samuel 20)

a. "I've got your back." (vv. 1-4)

b. Putting others before yourself – sacrificial living (vv. 30-34)

c. Loyalty may, at times, be heartbreaking... (vv. 41-42)

2. Who you surround yourself with --- matters!!!

3. Evaluate the relationships in your life right now -- ask the Lord for the gift of a trusted and loyal friend.