

AUTHENTIC FRIENDSHIP

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Central Idea: *Relationships between believers today should reflect the marks of genuine, spiritual friendship.*

☞ Friendship Defined (18.1-2)

☞ Friendship's Essential Element – A Heart for God
(14.1-23; 17.36, 45-46)

☞ Friendship's Qualities

1. Love (18.1, 3; 20.17; 2 Samuel 1.26)

2. Commitment (18.3; 20.8, 16; 23.18; 19.1-2)

3. Humility (18.4; 23.17)

4. Trust (20.1-4)

5. Encouragement (23.16)

A wise person is always involved in the challenging work of building friendships. Four thought-provoking questions ...

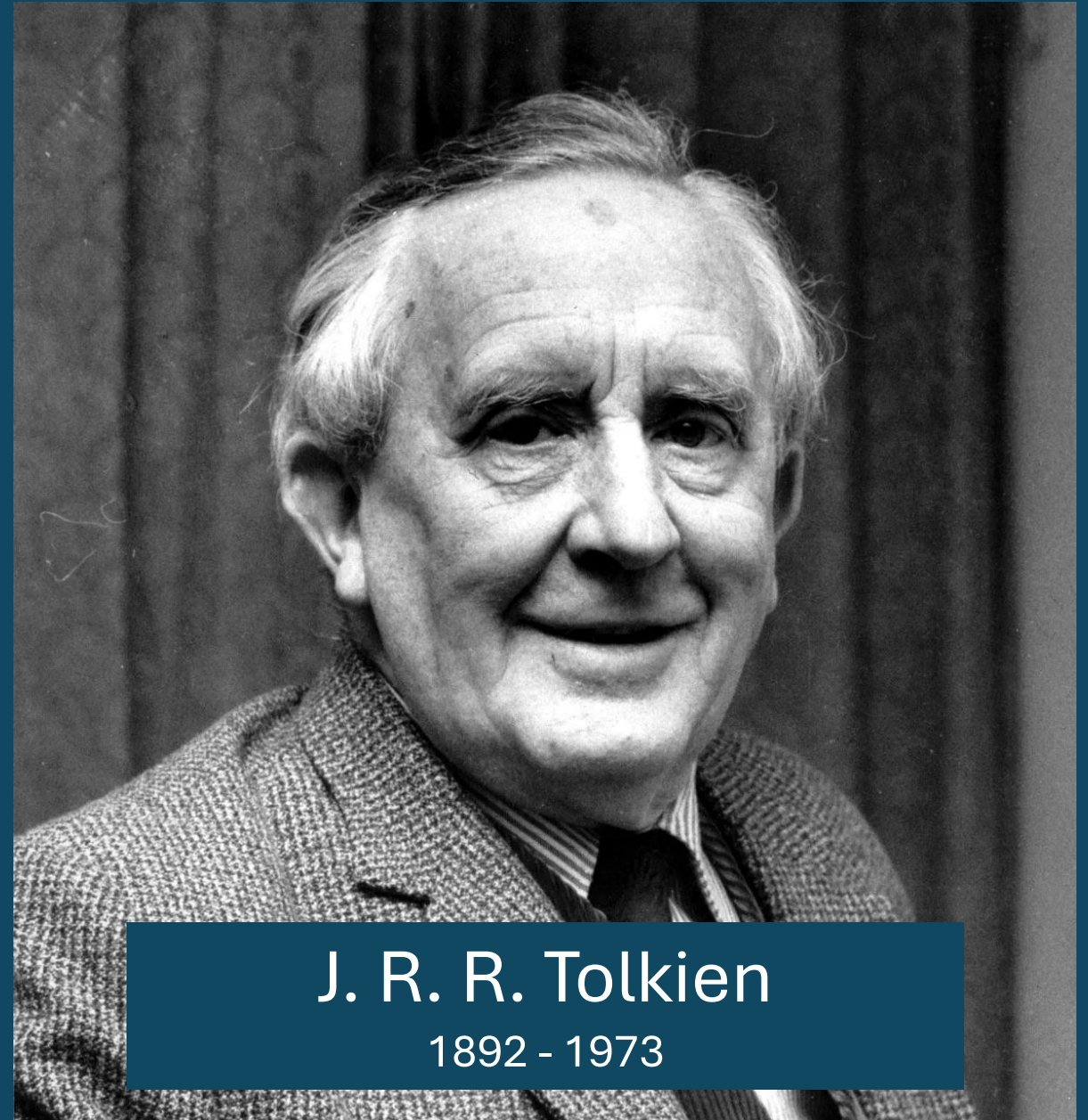
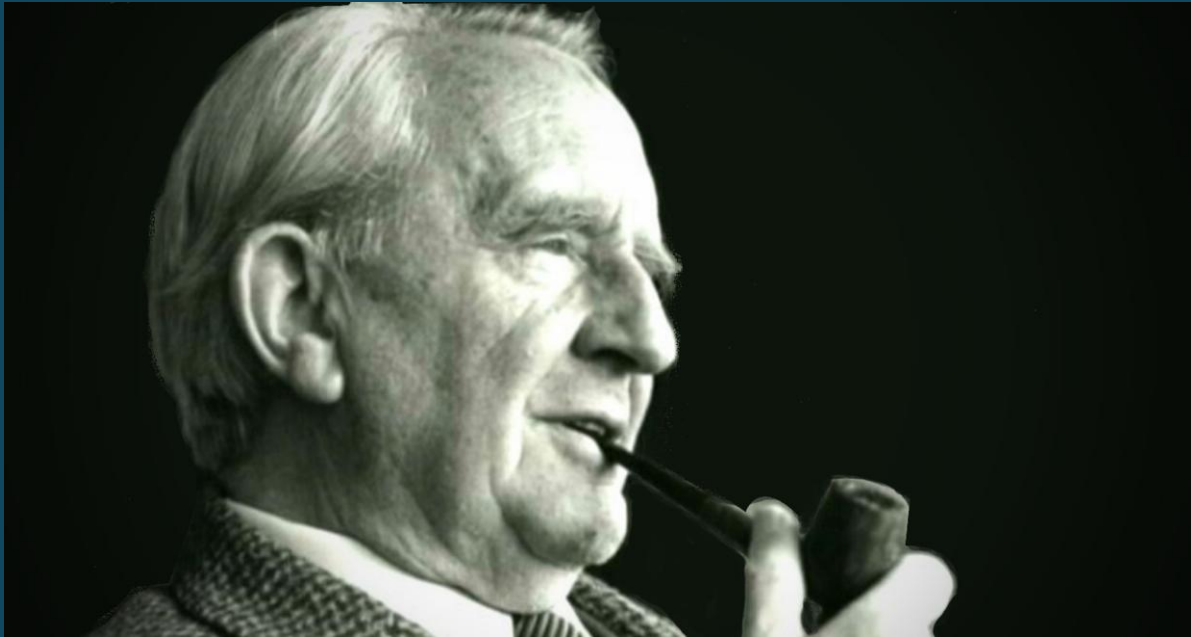
- Do I use people, or do I lay down my life for others?
- Am I a change-agent for godliness in my friend's lives?
- Am I vulnerable or is there a carefully constructed wall around my life?
- Do I initiate love or am I waiting for others to reach out to me?

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. How would you define friendship? Now, describe what it looks like?
2. Why do you think a heart for God is an essential element in a friendship between two believers? (Consider 1 Cor 15.33 and 2 Cor 6.14-15)
3. Discuss the five qualities seen in David and Jonathan's friendship. Why is love, commitment, humility, trust and encouragement important in our friendships today?
4. What characteristics of friendship would you add to this list?
5. How can we cultivate friendships today that reflect the same kind of qualities seen between David and Jonathan?
6. Is God calling you to be a "Jonathan" in someone else's life right now?
7. Thank God for your friends and ask Him to help you be a faithful friend to others.

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This outline is provided to assist you in understanding and applying today's message. *Authentic Friendship* is the sixth message in a series on the Life of David. This message can be listened to or downloaded at cbcomaha.org.



J. R. R. Tolkien

1892 - 1973

J. R. R. Tolkien
considered
Samwise Gamgee
to be the true hero
of the Lord of the
Rings.



*made a promise,
Mr. Frodo, a promise.
Don't you leave him.
Samwise Gamgee.
And I don't mean to.
I don't mean to.*



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Friendship's Essential Element: Heart for God

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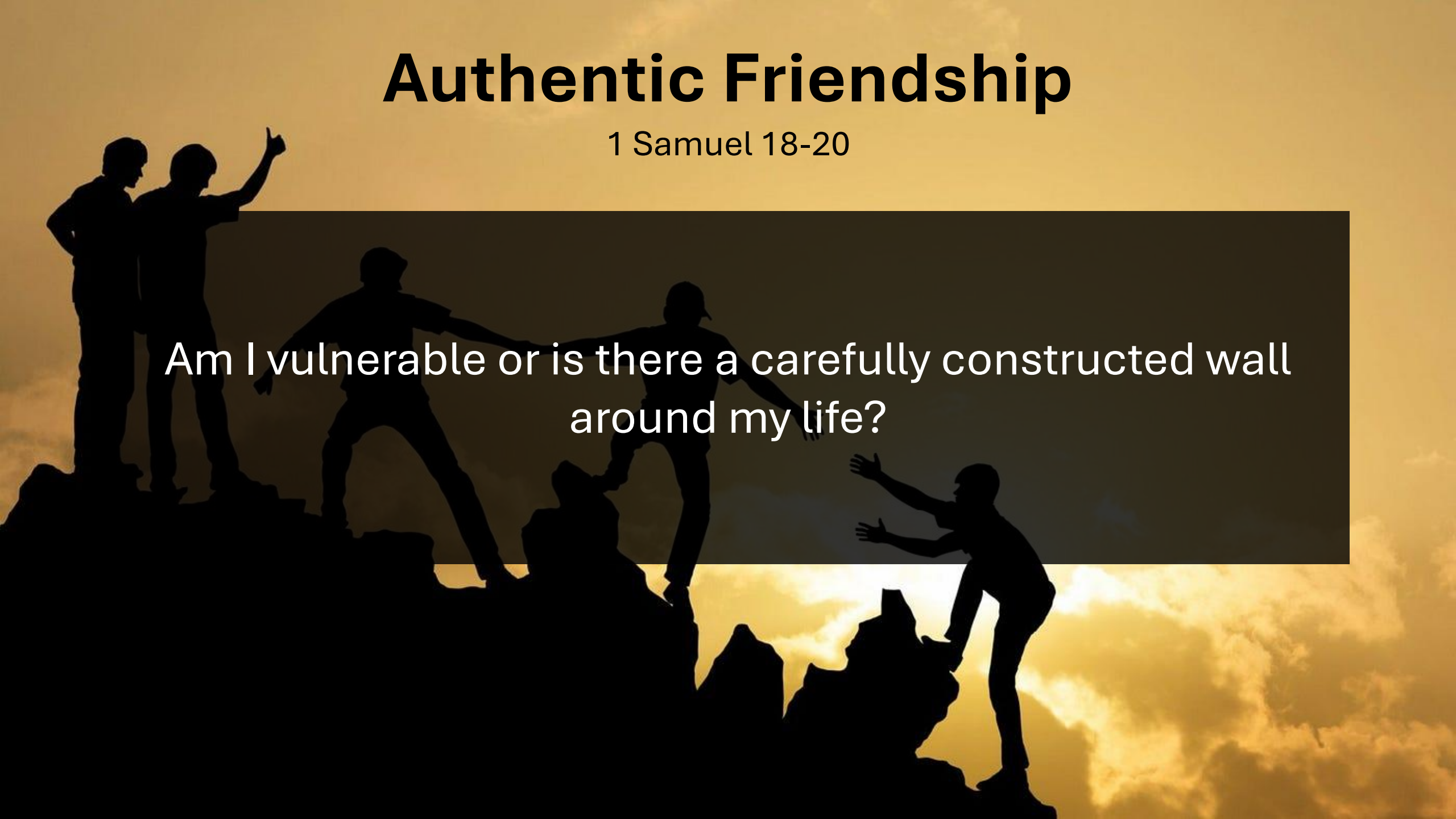
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Am I a change-agent for godliness in my friends' lives?

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The background of the slide features a silhouette of five people climbing a jagged, rocky mountain peak. The scene is set against a bright, golden-yellow sky with soft, wispy clouds, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The figures are in various stages of ascent: two are at the top left, one is in the middle, and two are on the right side, reaching up. The overall mood is one of teamwork, challenge, and achievement.

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