

WEIRD  
WEIRD  
WEIRD  
WEIRD  
WEIRD  
WEIRD

**STRANGE BUT TRUE**  
STORIES IN THE BIBLE

# DEEP FRIENDSHIP

1 SAMUEL 18 : 1 - 4

“I grieve for you, Jonathan, my brother. You were such a friend to me. Your love for me was more wondrous than the love of women.”

2 Samuel 1:26 CSB

**The Bible explicitly prohibits same-sex sexual relationships.**

**Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, Romans 1:26-27,  
1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 Timothy 1:9-10**

**The Bible is not shy about addressing  
David's sin.**

**2 Samuel 11-12**

“I grieve for you, Jonathan, my brother. You were such a friend to me. Your love for me was more wondrous than the love of women.”

2 Samuel 1:26 CSB



When David had finished speaking with Saul, Jonathan was bound to David in close friendship, and loved him as much as he loved himself. Saul kept David with him from that day on and did not let him return to his father's house. Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as much as himself.

1 Samuel 18:1–3 CSB

**Cheapening our sense of deep relationship:**

**Shrinks our vision of friendship**

**Isolates people**

**Makes romance carry weight it was never  
meant to bear.**



# Four keys to deep biblical friendship:

## 1. Commitment

When David had finished speaking with Saul, Jonathan was bound to David in close friendship, and loved him as much as he loved himself. Saul kept David with him from that day on and did not let him return to his father's house. Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as much as himself.

1 Samuel 18:1–3 CSB

When the servant had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone Ezel, fell facedown to the ground, and paid homage three times. Then he and Jonathan kissed each other and wept with each other, though David wept more. Jonathan then said to David, “Go in the assurance the two of us pledged in the name of the LORD when we said, ‘The LORD will be a witness between you and me and between my offspring and your offspring forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went into the city.

1 Samuel 20:41–42 CSB



Jonathan then said to David, “Go in the assurance the two of us pledged in the name of the LORD when we said, ‘The LORD will be a witness between you and me and between my offspring and your offspring forever.’” Then David left, and Jonathan went into the city.

1 Samuel 20:42 CSB

**Four keys to deep biblical friendship:**

**2. Faithfulness**

David was in the Wilderness of Ziph in Horesh when he saw that Saul had come out to take his life. Then Saul's son Jonathan came to David in Horesh and encouraged him in his faith in God, saying, "Don't be afraid, for my father Saul will never lay a hand on you. You yourself will be king over Israel, and I'll be your second-in-command. Even my father Saul knows it is true." Then the two of them made a covenant in the LORD's presence. Afterward, David remained in Horesh, while Jonathan went home."

1 Samuel 23:15-18 CSB



Then Saul's son Jonathan came to David in Horesh and encouraged him in his faith in God, saying, "Don't be afraid, for my father Saul will never lay a hand on you. You yourself will be king over Israel, and I'll be your second-in-command. Even my father Saul knows it is true."

1 Samuel 23:16-17 CSB

**Four keys to deep biblical friendship:**

**3. Encouragement**



Then Jonathan removed the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his military tunic, his sword, his bow, and his belt.

1 Samuel 18:4 CSB

**Four keys to deep biblical friendship:**

**4. Sacrifice**

# **Four keys to deep biblical friendship:**

**Commitment**

**Faithfulness**

**Encouragement**

**Sacrifice**

“No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn’t know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father.”

John 15:13-15 CSB