

Authentic Relationships
Developing Real Intimacy
1 Samuel 18:1-9

Points to Consider

1. Developing a Real Bond
2. Developing Real Trust
3. Developing Real Emotions

Developing a Real Bond

1 Sam 18:1-4 *Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.*

After David finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was _____ to the soul of David.

Jonathan loved David as his _____ soul.

Jonathan made a _____ with David.

Jonathan gave David a _____ of that friendship.

What caused this great bond?

1 Sam 14:6 *Then Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised; it may be that the Lord will work for us. For nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few."*

1 Sam 14:12-14 *Jonathan said to his armorbearer, "Come up after me, for the Lord has delivered them into the hand of Israel." 13 And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and knees with his armorbearer after him; and they fell before Jonathan. And as he came after him, his armorbearer killed them. 14 That first slaughter which Jonathan and his armorbearer made was about twenty men within about half an acre of land.*

Both men's faith brought great _____ to God's people.

I believe it was their _____ that was their great bond.

Developing Real Trust

1 Sam 19:1-7 *Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David; but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted greatly in David. 2 So Jonathan told David, saying, "My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning, and stay in a secret place and hide. 3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you. Then what I observe, I will tell you." Thus Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you. 5 For he took his life in his hands and killed the Philistine, and the Lord brought about a great deliverance for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?" 6 So Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "As the Lord lives, he shall not be killed." 7 Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. So Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was*

in his presence as in times past.

David could trust Jonathan to _____ up for him.

Jonathan proclaimed David's _____ to Saul.

Jonathan reminded Saul that David risked his life for the nation.

Jonathan reminded Saul that God gave Israel a huge _____ due to David's courageous act of killing Goliath.

1 Sam 20:1-8 **20** ..., and went and said to Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my iniquity, and what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?" **2** So Jonathan said to him, "By no means! You shall not die! Indeed, my father will do nothing either great or small without first telling me. And why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so!" **3** Then David took an oath again, and said, "Your father certainly knows that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said, 'Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved.' But truly, as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, there is but a step between me and death." **4** So Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you yourself desire, I will do it for you." **5** And David said to Jonathan, "Indeed tomorrow is the New Moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king to eat. But let me go, that I may hide in the field until the third day at evening. **6** If your father misses me at all, then say, 'David earnestly asked permission of me that he might run over to Bethlehem, his city, for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family.' **7** If he says thus: 'It is well,' your servant will be safe. But if he is very angry, be sure that evil is determined by him. **8** Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the Lord with you. Nevertheless, if there is iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why should you bring me to your father?" **9** But Jonathan said, "Far be it from you! For if I knew certainly that evil was determined by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you?"

David knew he could trust Jonathan with his _____.

David knew he could trust Jonathan to view his heart _____.

David knew he could trust Jonathan to tell him the truth

1 Sam 20:30-33 Then Saul's anger was aroused against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman! Do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? **31** For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Now therefore, send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die." **32** And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said to him, "Why should he be killed? What has he done?" **33** Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill him, by which Jonathan knew that it was determined by his father to kill David.

David could trust Jonathan to choose _____ over wrong.

Jonathan's loyalty to David is a good example that loyalty and love go beyond the external influence of _____.

1 Sam 23:16-18 Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David in the woods and strengthened his hand in God. **17** And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Even my father Saul knows that." **18** So the two of them made a covenant before the Lord. And David stayed in the woods, and Jonathan went to his own house.

David could count on Jonathan to offer words of _____ encouragement.

Jonathan trusted that when David became king that he would be _____ to him and his family.

Developing Real Emotions

1 Sam 20:41-42 *As soon as the lad had gone, David arose from a place toward the south, fell on his face to the ground, and bowed down three times. And they kissed one another; and they wept together, but David more so. 42 Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, since we have both sworn in the name of the Lord, saying, 'May the Lord be between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants, forever.'" So he arose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.*

David _____ with his face to the ground three times.

David and Jonathan _____.

They _____.

Jonathan sent David away in peace because they took an _____ in the name of the Lord.

2 Sam 1:11-12 *Therefore David took hold of his own clothes and tore them, and so did all the men who were with him. 12 And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and for Jonathan his son, for the people of the Lord and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.*

When David heard of Jonathan's death he showed genuine emotion and _____.

2 Sam 1:25-27 *"How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan was slain in your high places. 26 I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; You have been very pleasant to me; Your love to me was wonderful, Surpassing the love of women. 27 "How the mighty have fallen, And the weapons of war perished!"*

David was _____ when Jonathan died.

He said the love he had for Jonathan was _____ and surpassed the love of women.

2 Sam 9:6-7 *Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!" 7 So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table continually."*

David kept his _____ and restored all Saul's property to Mephibosheth.

Practical Application

1. Consider attending House to House next time.
2. Find other opportunities to verbalize our love and commitment to one another. (I love you, you are my brother, I have your back, I'm here through thick and thin.)
3. Use intimate greetings like 'brother.'
4. Holy hugs