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**Topic: A Proven Friendship**

Scripture Text: 1 Samuel 20

1. The friendship of David and Jonathan is a godly and proven friendship. Firstly, it is proven by truth. When David knew that king Saul wanted to kill him, he turned to Jonathan for help. He told Jonathan that he had not done anything wrong to betray king Saul. Jonathan wanted to get all the facts right to know if his father king Saul really wanted to kill David. Both David and Jonathan would stand in the side of truth in their friendship.
2. David was in adversity with his life been threatened. Jonathan would not hesitate to help knowing that God has called David to be the next king, and not him who was the prince. Their friendship was proven by adversity. They were not fair-weather friends.
3. When Jonathan found out that king Saul indeed wanted to kill David, he told David to flee. David and Jonathan had to be separated but yet their friendship was proven by time and absence that they would still take care of each other. When David became king eventually, he remembered to take care of Jonathan's descendants.
4. King Saul was angry with Jonathan for siding David and took a javelin wanting to kill Jonathan too. Jonathan might lose his life trying to protect David but he would not waver. David and Jonathan's friendship was proven by self-denial.
5. True friendship can only be shown to us to others when we are in Christ and walking close to God to obey His Word to love Him and one another as Christ has loved us.