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**A Study In 1 Samuel**  
"What Are Friends For?"  
1 Samuel 19-20

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Introduction: The book of 1 Samuel is a historical narrative. As we work through the different stories, we have the opportunity to learn from the different events and experiences.

1. As we continue our journey today, we have the opportunity to focus on friendship.
2. We are created social people. That means we need relationships with other people.
3. The bible has much to say about relationships, That's because God understands how our relationships affect us.
4. Paul warned the Corinthians of the danger of negative friendships.
5. On the other hand, Solomon reminds us of the power and benefits of positive relationships.
6. We have come to a strategic moment in our study where Saul is looking to kill David.
7. In times like this, we need quality friendships.
8. David had them. This story gives us the chance to evaluate our own friendships.

I. The Character Of Healthy Relationships

- A. Righteousness
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Selflessness
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Trust

II. The Conduct Of Healthy Relationships

- A. Commitment To Truth
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Open And Honest Communication
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Support

Conclusion: Now, let's personalize this story.

1. We can go for extended seasons in our lives where things go well.
2. We need friendships in those times, but it's primarily companionship.
3. At other times, the bottom falls out of our lives. In those times we need God ... but we also need each other.
4. We are called to bear one another's burdens.
5. This is where your friendships will be tested and that's a terrible time to find out you have only fair-weather friends.
6. This would be a good time to evaluate your friendships and make any changes that are needed.