

# SERMON OUTLINE

THE NEED FOR BIBLICAL FRIENDSHIP

I SAMUEL 18:1-4

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## I. Four Reasons for This Series

- a. Biblical friendship is a neglected topic in the Christian Life.
  
- b. We are more connected and feel lonelier than ever.
  
- c. Unhealthy busyness and exhaustion lead many to settle for an underdeveloped “frientimacy”.
  
- d. Friendship is more idolized than truly experienced.

## II. Defining Biblical Friendship

*“Biblical friendship exists when two or more people, bound together by a common faith in Jesus Christ, pursue him and his kingdom with intentionality and vulnerability. Rather than serving as an end in itself, biblical friendship serves primarily to bring glory to Christ, who brought us into friendship with the Father. It is indispensable to the work of the gospel in the earth, and an essential element of what God created us for.” – Jonathan Holmes, The Company We Keep*

“A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.” – Proverbs 18:24

**BENEDICTION:** <sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you.” – John 15:12-15