

MESSAGE NOTES

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The Face of Love

Part 4

Expensive Friendships

1 Samuel 18:1-4 (NIV) *After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.*

Loving/serving our friends involves being _____,
_____ & _____

1 Samuel 20:4 (NIV) *Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you want me to do, I'll do for you."*

1 Samuel 20: 30-31(NIV) *Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send and bring him to me, for he must die!"*

True love/serving always involves _____

And that kind love/serving is always _____

Philippians 2:3-11 (NIV) *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death— even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

LOVE MAKES SACRIFICES

He laid down His life for us. We should also lay down our lives for our brothers.—1 John 3:16 HCSB

TODAY'S DARE

What is one of the greatest needs in your friend's life right now? Is there a need you could lift from their shoulders today by a daring act of sacrifice on your part? Whether the need is big or small, purpose to do what you can to meet the need.

Questions:

1. When you expressed a desire to help, how did they receive it?
2. How did this act of sacrifice help you grow?