Committed to God's Calling: David pt 3
1 Samuel 18:1-5

Do you know what it means to be a committed friend? Sometimes we mistake convenience, association, or longevity as a friendship only to end up discouraged due to a lack of true companionship. In 1 Samuel 18-23 we learn about David and Jonathan's friendship and how God blessed them both. As you reflect on their relationship, what are some qualities you look for in a friend and why? How does it encourage you to know that Jesus calls you friend?

"A man *who has* friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother."-Proverbs 18:24

Marks of a Committed Companionship

- **Covenant Connection: 18:1-4**

- **Battle-Tested Bond: 19:1-7**

- **Affectionate Alliance: 20:1-4; 41-42; 23:16-17; 2 Samuel 1:11-12; 17; 26**

Application

- ✓ What are some ways you can be a better friend to your brothers and sisters in Christ?
- ✓ In your prayer time, ask God to strengthen your friends in the knowledge of His Word and will.

Meditate on the following scriptures: Ruth 1:16-17; Ecc. 4:9-10; John 13:34-35; Philippians 2:3-4; 1 John 3:16

"I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father."-John 15:15