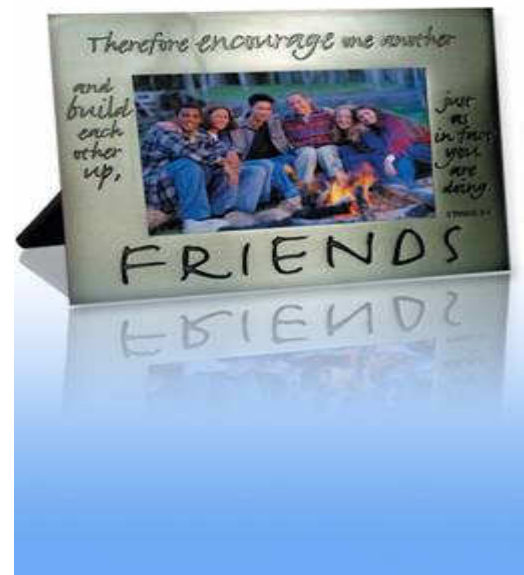


Life Long Friends

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Philippians 2:19-20; 1 Samuel 18



Group Questions

1. Who was your best friend in your high school years? Do you still keep in touch? Why?
2. Sunday, the main point was **Winning alone is called Losing**. Why is this phrase accurate? Or inaccurate?
3. Read the following passages about David and Jonathan: 1 Samuel 18:1 to 20:42. The friendship between David and Jonathan seems doomed to fail, but it succeeds. What allowed their friendship to continue?
4. Do long-lasting friendships require a shared faith to prosper? Why or why not?
5. In Sunday's sermon five characteristics of a long lasting friendship were listed. They were commitment, uncommon sacrifices, shared experiences, loyal defender, constant encouragement, and common faith. Which characteristic is most important to you? Why?
6. Jonathan gave up the right to be the next King of Israel, which is a tremendous sacrifice. Describe a time a friend made a sacrifice for you.
7. How can a small group such as yours cultivate long-lasting friendships? What might keep long-lasting friendships from forming? How is this group doing?