## TUESDAY NIGHT

at the Crescent

## "JONATHAN"

A series of studies on David's great friend

## Tuesday 18th April, 1989

## Subject: "So, you say you are loyal"

- 1. How to destroy a friendship
  - (a) Make sure your friendship is based on what the other person can do for you. Be selfish (1 Samuel 16; 21-23)
  - (b) Do all you can to keep that person as your private property. Be possessive (1 Samuel 18; 2).
  - (c) Keep a firm grasp on what is yours and protect it against all intruders. Be jealous. (1 Samuel 18; 6-9).
  - (d) Don't discuss your anger and irritation. Be volatile. (1 Samuel 18; 10-11).
  - (e) Avoid the person who threatens, annoys and disturbs you. Do all you can to stay out of his or her way. Be dismissive. (1 Samuel 18; 12-13).
  - (f) Focus so much on what the other person has that you will do anything to get it. Be envious. (1 Samuel 18;14-16).
  - (g) Harbour hatred in your heart. Believe that your feeling of contempt for his or her abilities is justified. Be hateful. (1 Samuel 18; 28-29).
- 2. God's remedy (Matt. 5; 23-24).
  - (a) Admit. (b) Initiate. (c) Correct. (d) Love.
- 3. So you say you are loyal? (1 Samuel 19; 1-7).
  - (a) The loyalty of friendship.
  - (b) The test of friendship.
- 4. Friendship under fire (1 Samuel 20; 1-17);
  - (a) Jonathan's availability.
  - (b) Jonathan's involvement.
  - (c) Jonathan as an edifier.
- 5. The cost of friendship (1 Samuel 29; 30-34).

"Saul's greatest enemy was certainly not David, Saul's greatest enemy was Saul".

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(Recommended reading; "Quality Friendships; the risks and rewards", Gary Inrig, Moody Press



