

# TUESDAY NIGHT

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## "JONATHAN"

A series of studies on David's great friend

Tuesday 4th April, 1989

*Subject: "A dove in a crow's nest"*

(1 Samuel 14: 1-5)

1. Everybody needs a friend.
2. A model friendship (1 Samuel 23: 15-18)
  - (a) My friend is one whose need I can meet, not the one who meets my need.
  - (b) A friend encourages their friend in God.
  - (c) A friend is one with whom I share a deep common interest.
  - (d) A friend is someone committed to help their friends realise God's purpose and potential for their life.
  - (e) A true friendship involves declared loyalty and commitment.
3. A crow in a dove's nest: Jonathan's family background
  - (a) His mother (1 Samuel 20: 30).
  - (b) His father (1 Samuel 9: 2 : 1 Samuel 13: 13-14).
4. The transforming factor (1 Samuel 14: 1-15).
  - (a) He took the Scriptures seriously.
  - (b) He had dynamic faith in God.
  - (c) He lived with a strong sense of the Lord's guidance and freedom in his life.
5. How to be equipped for true friendship.
  - (a) Recognise that you have been created by God.
  - (b) Lay hold on the fact that you have been redeemed, Christian, by God the Son.
  - (c) Recognise that you have in your body the priceless treasure of God's presence; the Holy Spirit dwells, Christian, in your body. He is adequate for every need.

*Recommended reading: "Quality Friendship" by Gary Inrig. (Moody Press)*

"A faithful friend is a strong shelter. The person who finds one has found a treasure. There is no substitute for a friend and there is no way to measure his or her value". (Sirach)

