



**Relationships: Friendship**  
**February 21, 2021 - Week 4**

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**GROUP LEADER INFO:**

- Open in prayer
- Have a time of fellowship
- Make sure to take attendance
- Please pass along any prayer requests to your group Coach (Pastor) that they should know about

Beaches Chapel Church

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**TEACHING/DIALOGUE:**

**SERMON NOTES:**

**Isolation is the devil's playground.**

**Proverbs 18: 1 ESV**

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment.

**1 Samuel 18: 1-5 ESV**

As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. 5 And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

**Friendship is not competitive**

**Proverbs 16: 28 NLT**

A troublemaker plants seeds of strife; gossip separates the best of friends.

**Proverbs 17:17 ESV**

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

**Ecclesiastes 4: 7-12 NLT**

7 I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. 8 This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, "Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?" It is all so meaningless and depressing. 9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

**John 15:13 NLT**

13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**John 15: 9 – 17 NLT**

9 "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. 16 You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. **Who are your best friends in your life? What are those relationships like? Do you pray together, talk frequently, how honest are you with them, do you lift one another up?**

2. Are there any friendships in your life that need mending? How can you go about doing so?
3. Do you see Jesus as your “friend”? If so, does it show in how you pray to him? If not, why not? How can you grow closer to Him as a friend?

## **PRAYER**

Close your group in prayer. Ask if anyone needs prayer specifically. Continue to pray for one another throughout the week.

