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Genesis 2:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him.”

BIG IDEA: Godly friends fight together.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

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.

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

Godly friends: Fight beside each other.

- Shared interest
- Shared values

- Shared mission

1 Samuel 18:1-4 (NLT)

¹ After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. ² From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. ³ And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself. ⁴ Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.

Proverbs 13:20 (NLT)

²⁰ Walk with the wise and become wise;
associate with fools and get in trouble.

Godly friends fight for each other.

1 Samuel 19:4-6 (NLT)

⁴ The next morning Jonathan spoke with his father about David, saying many good things about him. "The king must not sin against his servant David," Jonathan said. "He's never done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could. ⁵ Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the Lord brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!"

⁶ So Saul listened to Jonathan and vowed, "As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be killed."

1 Samuel 20:1-4 (NLT)

David now fled from Naioth in Ramah and found Jonathan. “What have I done?” he exclaimed. “What is my crime? How have I offended your father that he is so determined to kill me?”

² “That’s not true!” Jonathan protested. “You’re not going to die. He always tells me everything he’s going to do, even the little things. I know my father wouldn’t hide something like this from me. It just isn’t so!”

³ Then David took an oath before Jonathan and said, “Your father knows perfectly well about our friendship, so he has said to himself, ‘I won’t tell Jonathan—why should I hurt him?’ But I swear to you that I am only a step away from death! I swear it by the Lord and by your own soul!”

⁴ “Tell me what I can do to help you,” Jonathan exclaimed.

Godly friends fight for each other.

- Say the hard things.
- Do the right thing.

1 Samuel 23:15-18 (NLT)

¹⁵ One day near Horesh, David received the news that Saul was on the way to Ziph to search for him and kill him. ¹⁶ Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God. ¹⁷ “Don’t be afraid,” Jonathan reassured him. “My father will never find you! You are going to be the king of Israel, and I will be next to

you, as my father, Saul, is well aware.” ¹⁸ So the two of them renewed their solemn pact before the Lord. Then Jonathan returned home, while David stayed at Horesh.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most in this week's message, and why?
2. When you think about old social media trends like the Myspace "Top 8," how do you see that same desire for ranking or curating friendships showing up in our lives today?
3. Read Ecclesiastes 4:12 and 1 Peter 5:8. When you consider the reality of spiritual warfare and a real enemy looking to devour, why is trying to fight life's battles completely alone such a dangerous strategy?
4. What is the difference between a friendship built simply on shared interests (like sports or hobbies) and one that includes shared values and a shared mission? Why do we need all three components for a truly godly friendship?
5. Read Proverbs 13:20. How have you seen the people you choose to closely associate with actively shape your wisdom, your choices, and the direction of your life?
6. Read 1 Samuel 19:4–6. When have you found it difficult to speak up for a friend's reputation when others were gossiping or questioning them?
7. Read 1 Samuel 23:15–18. What does it look like practically to go find a friend in their worst moment and actively remind them of who they are in Christ and the promises God has for them?
8. Who is the person in your life that has stepped into your "flooded house" moments to remind you that you are not

alone? How can you proactively prioritize and check your circle this week to ensure you are cultivating those kinds of deep, godly relationships?