Introduction
Deep within the human heart is the need for friendship. God intends to meet our need for friendship and companionship through marriage, our family, our church and our friends.

What are the qualities of a faithful friend?

“Jonathan loved David as he loved himself.”

I. Love.
I Samuel 18:1-4 and 20:1-10

“If you want to have a friend, be a friend.”

They were kindred spirits.
Jonathan took the initiative to establish a covenant with David.
Jonathan voluntarily surrendered to David his robe, tunic, sword, bow and belt. It was a sacrificial gift that required great humility.

Jonathan was willing to risk everything for his friend.
“Whatever you want me to do, I’ll do for you.”
II. Loyalty.
1 Samuel 20:4, 11-17

“Who will tell me if your father answers you harshly?”

Jonathan expresses his loyalty to David in a covenant.

• He recognizes that David will be king. Verse 13
• He asks for David’s favor – for his “unfailing kindness, like that of the Lord”. Verses 14-15

David and Jonathan pledge their loyalty to one another. Verse 17
It was a promise they both would keep.

III. Accountability.
1 Samuel 20:18-42

They made a commitment to one another before the Lord.
• The Lord is Witness – Verses 23 and 42
• We have a sworn friendship.

Jonathan was a remarkable man. He would prove himself loyal to both David and his father, Saul.
Conclusion

Where can we find a faithful friend?
1. We find it in Jesus!
   He will never leave us or forsake us.
   Matthew 28:20 and Hebrews 13:5
2. We find it in the body of Christ,
   his church.
   “Show me a church where there is love
   and I will show you a church that is a
   power in the community.” D. L. Moody

Be that kind
of friend.