

1 Samuel 18:1-3 (NIV) ¹After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.

²From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return to his father's house. ³And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

"...It is not good for man to be alone..." (Genesis 2:18)

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." (Acts 2:46)

"...Love the brotherhood of believers..." (1 Peter 2:17)

"Christ has given us this commandment: The person who loves God must also love other believers." (1 John 4:21, GW)

Church is not a place where you go. Church is a family where you belong.

1. Friendship: We Learn to _____.

"...The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul." (1 Samuel 18:1, NKJV)

"All the believers met together constantly and shared everything with each other." (Acts 2:44, GW)

A. Share Your _____.

B. Share Your _____.

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together. Instead, let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

Whom have I encouraged today? _____

"A man that hath friends must show himself friendly..." (Proverbs 18:24, KJV)

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2. Membership: We Choose to _____.

"Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself." (1 Samuel 18:3)

"You are members of God's very own family and belong in God's household with every other Christian." (Ephesians 2:19)

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." (Acts 2:38)

3. Partnership: We _____ in Love.

"Whatever you desire, I will do it for you." (1 Samuel 20:4)

4. Kinship: We Love Believers Like _____.

"And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God." (1 Samuel 23:16)

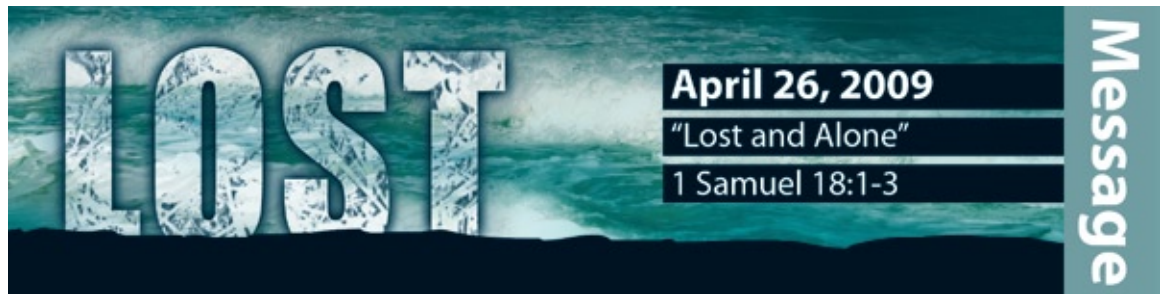
"Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity." (1 Timothy 5:1-2)

"You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus." (Galatians 3:26, NLT)

Want to Go Deeper?

- Tell God you want to love the church like He does.
- Memorize 1 John 4:21.
- Encourage three people before leaving church.
- Read "The Bride: Renewing our Passion for the Church" by Chuck Swindoll.
- Commit to active involvement in a small group.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!



Message

Notes

Pastor John Swadley, Lost - Part 3
"Lost and Alone" (1 Samuel 18:1-3)