

sermon notes

BETTER TOGETHER

Part 3

“After Saul had ruled forty years, God removed him from office and put King David in his place, with this commendation: ‘I’ve searched the land and found this David, son of Jesse. He’s a man whose heart beats to my heart, a man who will do what I tell him.’ “From out of David’s descendants God produced a Savior for Israel, Jesus, exactly as he promised-”

Acts 13:21-23 MSG

In David’s progression from being an isolated shepherd boy to one of the greatest kings in Israel’s history, and a man whose heart was aligned with God’s, we find that he has many significant relationships that helped him on that journey. Today we are going to consider three of those relationships and see how they relate to us on our journey in a life that is better together.

1. Samuel: Relationships that call out the best in you.

“So as David stood there among his brothers, Samuel took the flask of olive oil he had brought and anointed David with the oil. And the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David from that day on.”

1 Samuel 16:13 NLT

2. Jonathan: Relationships for difficult times.

“Then Jonathan, Saul’s son, arose and went to David in the woods and strengthened his hand in God.”

1 Samuel 23:16 NKJV

3. Nathan: Relationships that can reach us when we are messing up.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.”

Psalms 51:10-13 NKJV

God wants us to do life together. He wants to bring us out of isolation and into our divine future. He never intended for life to be an individual project, but a group project. Life together will not always be easy but when we make the choice to step into God’s plan, we defeat the enemy’s plan to isolate us. Living out life together has distinct benefits as we call out the best in each other, call out to God for each other, and speak truth to each other. Even when life is messy, or when we need lifting up, or even when we need the voice of truth, together is so much better than alone.

Consider and Discuss

- Have you been in a Small Group before? If so, what benefits have you realized from being in Small Groups?
- What do you believe are the biggest obstacles people face to participating in a Small Group?
- What can you do to help people overcome those obstacles?
- Do you have a “life is better together” story you can share?

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