

## ALLIES LIKE WE ARE

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*"Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!"* 1 Samuel 18:7 NLT

*After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.*

1 Samuel 18:1,3,4 NIV

*So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.* 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

## An Ally Seeks \_\_\_\_\_

*"The deepest urge of every human heart is to be with someone who delights in us."*

- Dr. Larry Crabb

*"A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."*

- Walter Winchell

*Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan was very fond of David and warned him, "My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I'll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out." Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The Lord won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason? Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: "As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be put to death." So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.* 1 Samuel 19:1-7 NIV

*...David got up from the south side of the stone, and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground. Then they kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the most. Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord, saying, 'The Lord is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.'" Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.* 1 Samuel 20:41-42

## **An Ally Builds \_\_\_\_\_**

*We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God's Good News but our own lives, too. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 NLT*

## **An Ally \_\_\_\_\_ a Heart**

*Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Ecclesiastes 4:9 NLT*

## **An Ally \_\_\_\_\_ for Another**

*There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13 NLT*

*Praise the Lord, who is my rock. He trains my hands for war, and gives my fingers skill for battle. He is my loving ally, and my fortress, my tower of safety, my rescuer. Psalm 144:1,2a NLT*

SUMMER READING PLAN: 1 Samuel Chapters 13-17 & Psalm 144