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SERIES David is the most written-about character in the Bible. He's most often remembered for all the good in his life, but like us, he had his fair share of failures. What can we learn from all the good, the bad and the ugly woven together in David's story?

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly
"Friendships"
1 Samuel 18

1. In Proverbs 13:20 the Bible says, "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."
 - a. Are you surrounding yourself with people who will lift you up, bring out the best in you and that you share common interests with?
 - b. Consider your own experiences regarding friendships (present and past). Can you think of an example of a friendship that brought on more harm than help?
2. Pastor David spoke on how some people are incapable of maintaining friendships because of relational viruses. He then asked, that we pose the question to ourselves, "What needs to change in me?"
 - a. How would you answer that question? Do you have relational viruses in your life?
 - b. What do those first steps of change look like?
3. In 1 Samuel 18:4, Jonathan takes off his robe and gives it to David, along with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt. This selfless acts reflects the love and reverence that Jonathan has for his friend, David.
 - a. Have you ever selflessly given to someone else in friendship? How did it affect your that relationship?
 - b. Think of a time when someone selflessly gave to you. How did you show your appreciation?
4. In Genesis 12:2-3, the Bible says "God blesses you, so that you may be a blessing." Jonathan and David's friendship exemplifies this message of blessing through friendship.
 - a. Are you lifting your friends up and being a blessing in their lives?
 - b. Are you a good friend to someone like Jonathon was to David?

5. 1 Samuel 18:3 states Jonathan loved David as he loved himself. He became the friend to David that he needed David to be to him. In what ways are you the friend that you need?

6. In this day and age when we are busier and seem more disconnected, how would you encourage others to have this type of friendship? Especially those who are younger?