**BFF –– *Shayne Brown***

**“There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.” Thomas Aquinas**

I Sam. 18:1-4, 19:1-7, 20, 23:15-18, 2 Sam. 1:25-26, Ecc 4:9-12

**Characteristics of a lasting friendship**

**He displayed Humility**

1 Sam 18:4, John 13:1-17, Gal 5:13,

**He showed Loyalty**

1 Sam 19:1-7, 20, Prov 18:24, 20:6, John 15:13, 1 Cor 13:7

**True friendship multiplies the good in life and divides its evils. Strive to have friends, for life without friends is like life on a desert island... to find one real friend in a lifetime is good fortune; to keep him is a blessing.  Baltasar Gracian**

**He Encouraged him.**

1 Sam 23:15-18, 2 Cor 1:3-4, Heb 10:24-25, 1 Thes 5:11

**He Loved him like Himself**

1 Sam 18:1 & 3, 2 Sam 1:26, Matt 22:37-39

*“A friend loves at all times.”* Proverbs 17:17

**Take Aways**

1. **John 13:34-35 –** **God wants us to experience** **deep, meaningful, Godly friendships like Jonathan and David and they are a tell-tale sign of our faith. What does the world see in you?**

**Got Questions? Text 519–893-2951 or email shayne@pathwaycc.ca**

1. Take time to review Sunday’s teaching. What was one idea or thought that really grabbed your attention?
2. What was something you disagreed with or that challenged you the most?
3. Have you experienced a kind of friendship like David and Jonathan? What was that like?
4. When you think about being a good friend which characteristic is the hardest for you to live out? Why?
5. Read Proverbs 17:17, 18:24, 27:6 and Ephesians 4:15.
6. What are some characteristics in these passages that makes someone a good friend?
7. Do you think your friends have made you a better person? Why or why not?
8. Describe a time a friend told you the hard truth when you needed to hear it. How did you respond to it and how did hearing this truth affect you?
9. How have your friends helped you grown in your spiritual journey?
10. Spend time praying for one another this week.