**1 Samuel 18:1–5a, NKJV, emphasis mine,** “Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, **the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul**. 2Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father’s house anymore. 3Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4And Jonathan took off the robe that *was* on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt. 5So David went out wherever Saul sent him, *and* behaved wisely…”

***Bona fide, genuine, honest friendship rarely occurs; nevertheless Samuel records one such relationship. In Samuel's own words, “*the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul,” or in “simple dimple terms”-*”Jonathan loved David."***

 ***PERIOD. END OF STORY. EMPHATICALLY, TO BE SURE. FINALE TIME. FULL STOP. THAT'S THAT. EXCLAMATION POINT!! “All-rightee, then!”***

**This story of indisputable camaraderie doesn't end there. Later we learn that Jonathan warned David of Saul's plot to kill him. And, because of that "tried and true" trust, David escaped to later become the great king, author and Psalmist that we still talk about today. Had it not been for Jonathan's affection, goodwill, attachment, love, solidarity, and sodality, had it not been for Jonathan's companionship, had it not been for Jonathan's "watch care" loyalty over his good ‘buddy,’ David, we might not have Jesus’ human lineage coming down through God's man, David.**

**Never short-change the value of munificence, closeness, and good-fellowship! Today in the history of "friendships," ’spot on’ and first rate, stands Jonathan and David, a perfect life lesson in allegiance...."*Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”***

***Today, this “Making the Most of Friendship” Monday, "imitate Jonathan” and take the time to treasure your friends and tell them "thanks" for their kindheartedness, benevolence and unselfishness to you! They are truly priceless jewels!***

***It is always,***

***Because of Him, our finest friend,***

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**Dear Lord God, thank You for being my friend. And, thank You for my earthly companions! Thank You for caring enough about me to be involved in my “every day.” Show me how to be more like Jonathan, faithful and true. Keep me grounded in Your promises, Your commission, and Your challenge to serve. Forgive my “slippings” and shortcomings. I ask for guidance today; help me keep my “sights” on my Savior. Help me worship; help me adore You more and more. Thank You for healing, provision, and safety. Dispatch Your angels to guard my friends and family today. Let me set aside time to read Your Word, study Your law, and pray. I adore You. Bring Your perfect Kingdom to earth, my Prince and King! I love You always. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

**The best friend is Jesus…..do you know Him as your Savior? Call me….let’s talk about tomorrow. 316-323-3889.**