

Called to Wonder

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*Jonathan said to David,
"Go in peace, for we have
sworn friendship with
each other in the name
of the Lord"*

1 Samuel 20:42



*"What a friend we
have in Jesus, all our
sins and griefs to bear,
what a privilege
to carry everything
to God in prayer"*

Are you a true friend?

Do you have a best friend? Read this story from the Bible about two best friends who were very loyal to each other, even in the face of danger.

Jonathan was the son of King Saul and he was very kind. His best friend was David, the boy who killed Goliath. David and Jonathan made a promise to each other that they would always be friends. But King Saul became jealous of their friendship and began to hate David. He told Jonathan to kill him. But Jonathan loved David and so he made a plan. "In a field not far from here, there is a great stone," said Jonathan. "Go and hide behind it. In three days, I will come with my servant and shoot three arrows by its side. If I say to my servant, 'Go and find the arrows, they are on this side of you, bring them here,' then you will know that it is safe and there is no danger. But if I say 'Look the arrows are beyond you,' then you must run away for there is great danger."

So David hid in the field. Jonathan went to King Saul. He begged him not to kill David. King Saul did not listen. He became very angry. He threw his sword at Jonathan, but it missed him. Jonathan ran from the palace, calling his servant. He went to the field near the great stone. Soon his arrows flew through the air. "Find the arrows," called Jonathan. "They are beyond you!"

David heard and he was very sad. The servant found the arrows and Jonathan sent him home. Then David came out of his hiding place and put his arms around Jonathan. Jonathan told David of his father's plans to kill him and urged him to go far away where he would be safe. He asked David to remember that they would always be friends. David ran away. (To find out what happened to David and how he eventually became King read 1 Samuel 16, the entire book of 2 Samuel, and 1 Kings 1-2).

As Christians, we are blessed to have the best friend of all, Jesus.

For the rest of the verses to this hymn, more stories of Biblical friendships, or to send an e-card to a friend, visit annieshomepage.com/friendshipbible.html