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Sermon – Love like a BFF _ Philia Love Week 3

Scripture – 1 Sam 20, 2nd Samuel 9

Main Message – Philia Love is a special love of friendship and intimacy that is not passionate, and is often between equals. It's deep and meaningful.

Most everyone has a friend. If you're on Facebook some claim to have over 1000 friends. Well, I bet all of them aren't your BFF. Those who are lucky have a friend of a special kind that has gotten that name Best Friend Forever. These are long-time friends who are comfortable with each other with a history that is bonded by this type of love, philia. You can risk being intimate with them emotionally because you have such a history. Not everyone has a friend like that. Sadly, as we age, we may lose a friend like that. Life's circumstances can break a relationship, which is as painful as any other. If you have a BFF that's still around, you don't have to tell them. It's understood. Friends are wonderful, but the friend you feel Philia for is special. Allow it to be so. This differs from Agape love which is not necessarily as intimate.

There is several examples of this kind of love in the Bible. One that I think is kind of special is between, Jonathan and David. You would have to read a lot of the Book of Samuel see the relationship develop and how it reached a pinnacle in Chapter 20. But in this chapter you can see that these two men were not just casual friends, but emotionally attached.

Read 1 Sam 20

Well, Saul and Jonathan both ended up dying, but in 2nd Samuel 9 we can see how David adopted Jonathan's son and made him a part of his household. He remembered his commitment to Jonathan and this showed it.

Finally, Can we truly be a BFF with God. Absolutely!!!

This word, in Philos in Greek of course, is used just this way in the book of James 2:23

*And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the **Friend** of God.*

That is no casual friend, but a friend loved by God.