

**Life of David**  
**45 – Defending A Friend**  
**I Samuel 20:24-42**  
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- I. David's Appeal to Jonathan and Jonathan's Commitment to David
  - A. The Preliminary Conversation Regarding Saul's State
  - B. The Proposed Test to Determine Saul's State
  - C. The Solemn Covenant Between David and Jonathan Renewed and Expanded
  - D. The Agreed Method to Communicate the Results of the Test of Saul's State
  
- II. Jonathan's Defense of David to Saul
  - A. The Test Put to Saul (vs. 24-29)
  
  - B. Saul's Anger Toward Jonathan and Jonathan's Defense of David (vs. 30-34)
    - 1. Saul's contempt and hostility toward his own son.
    - 2. Saul's understanding of David being destined for the throne.
    - 3. Jonathan's argument in David's defense.
    - 4. Saul's malice now directed toward Jonathan.
    - 5. Jonathan's anger and grief.
  
- III. Jonathan's Sharing in David's Grief
  - A. Communication of the Result to David (vs. 35-40)
  - B. Sharing in Grief with David (v. 41)
  - C. True Consolation Given to David (v. 42)
  
- IV. Applications
  - A. We need to learn from this text how to be a true friend.
    - 1. We must hear their concerns.
    - 2. We must be willing to cast in our lot with our friend.
    - 3. We must reassure our friend of our commitment to them.
  
  - B. We must see in Christ a friend better than Jonathan – The friend of sinners who gave his life for His friends.