



The Focus of a Godly Friend

1 Samuel 23:15-18

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Introduction: So often the best encouragers are the closest of friends. As a friend who desires to be an encouragement, there are some key areas of focus that we must attend to if we are going to provide distinctly Godly encouragement.

Proverbs 18:24 A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

1. Focus on the Ministry of _____ (v15-16a)

Genesis 3:8-9 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

2. Focus on the _____ of God (v16b)

Psalms 54:4 Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

Psalms 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

1 Samuel 30:6 And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because all the people were bitter in soul, each for his sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

3. Focus on the _____ of God (v17a)

1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

1 Samuel 16:18 One of the young men answered, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a man of good presence, and the Lord is with him."

4. Focus on _____ Others (v17b-18)

Philippians 2:3-4 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.