



SUPPORT

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Four Observations from 1 Samuel 23:14–18

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David stayed in the wilderness strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands. **15** While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life.

16 And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God. **17** "Don't be afraid," he said. "My father Saul will not lay a hand on you. You will be king over Israel, and I will be second to you. Even my father Saul knows this." **18** The two of them made a covenant before the Lord. Then Jonathan went home, but David remained at Horesh.

1. Everyone Needs Christian Community Support

2. Support is a Community Mission

- Carry each other's burdens... (**Galatians 6:2**)

3. Support is on purpose

4. Support Strengthens Each Other... in God

Verse 16:

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Next Steps

- I'll join a LifeGroup this week.
- I'll attend or invite a friend to Celebrate Recovery on Friday, September 5th.
- I'm committing to follow Jesus for the first time today.
- I'm re-committing to follow Jesus today.



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to provide questions in abbreviated form each week for personal study and/or discussion for LifeGroups choosing to meet for a portion of the break.

1. **READ 1 Samuel 23:14-18.** What was creating stress and a need for support in David's life?
2. A key point from Pastor Shawn's teaching was "Everyone needs Christian community support." Describe a time in your life when you needed support and found this statement to be true.

3. **READ Galatians 6:2.** Another key point from this weekend's teaching was "support is a community mission" because we need to both support others and receive support. Do you tend to be more on the "giving support" or "receiving support" side of Christian relationships? Be honest! Why do think this is?
4. What are some ideas you have to help "even up the balance"? (some of us need to be willing to receive more support from others and some of us need to look for ways to give more support to others.)
5. Jonathan was a great support to David because ultimately he helped David find his strength in God. What are some specific ways we can help others find strength in Christ? (Write down any Scripture references that are helpful in answer to this question for further reflection and/or discussion.)

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the "Messages" link.