



**BFF's – David and Jonathan**  
**Ryan White/Families Pastor — September 23, 2018**  
**Key Passage: 1 Samuel 18:1-5**

**Spiritual friendship is the special sauce, a secret ingredient to success in the Christian life.**

The five characteristics of true spiritual friendship:

- **A shared heartbeat**
- **Deep intimacy**
- **Fierce devotion**
- **Catalytic partnership**
- **Appreciative love**

**While God orchestrates circumstances and chemistry, we will rarely drift into authentic Christian relationships. It requires covenant intentionality and abiding in the relational love of God.**

*"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love... This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:9, 12)*

**APPLY IT** — Think of a Christian brother or sister that you have "clicked" with and choose this week to intentionally go deeper.

- Grab a meal.
- Hear their story.
- Share and pray with them about what you're celebrating, how you want to grow, or what you're struggling with.
- Ask how you might encourage them forward in the way of Jesus.

