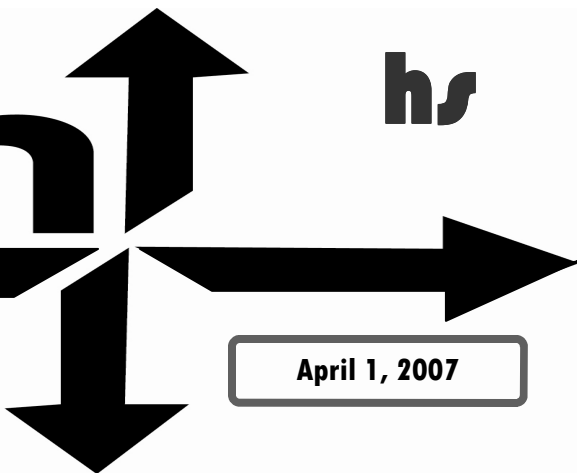


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April 1, 2007

Who's Your Friend? Part 2

Last week we defined what true friends are. I told you about how God brought me some true friends when I didn't have any. For most of us, the teen years are crucial to learning about friendships. This is the time when we learn how to step past the shallow friend stage and get to true friendships. I have been reading lately about two Old Testament characters who modeled true friendship: David and Jonathan. These two guys in the Old Testament hit it off as soon as they met, but their friendship wasn't just about getting along and hanging out. They were friends against all odds. God had told David that he was going to be king of Israel, but Jonathan was the natural heir to the throne. Despite what could have been a competition, these guys stuck it out and prayed for each other and supported each other. Instead of being jealous that God had chosen David to take over the kingdom, Jonathan hum-

bled himself and supported God's will. Jonathan even saved David's life from Jonathan's Dad, Saul who wanted to kill David. Like I said last week, true friendship doesn't come easy. You have to work to be a friend, and put others above yourself. This often involves seeing someone as God sees them; as precious creatures. Last week I met with someone I haven't known long, but he already displayed traits that make up true friendship. He asked all about me and asked how he could be praying for me. I got to know him a little and got to pray for him too. True friends are going to be ones that walk with you in Christ, and encourage you to grow in your walk with the Lord. Because of the bond of the Holy Spirit, we as Christians are going to be able to be closer than normal people. Take advantage of that, and cut through the petty stuff. Get to the good friendships and build each other up. God will bless it.

Meeting Schedule:	
Sunday April 1	4:30
Sunday April 8	Easter, No Practice
Sunday April 15	2:00



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WHAT'S NEXT...

Element on Sunday Nights . . .

Mark Hall from Casting Crowns

TONIGHT at 6:30

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