

Rebuilding: Good Ships, Bad Ships

There are good ships and there are bad ships, but the best ships are friendships.

Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

Nobody remembers all your accomplishments; they remember your good deeds and friendship.

When a person dies, people don't say they will miss your money, but miss your friendship and the things you did together.

A picture paints a thousand words of what you've done together, how you laughed together, did life together **friendship**.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Solomon learned that money couldn't buy him happiness, but friendships could.

We are all built to have relationships and friendships to help keep us sharp.

Proverbs 27:17

Friendships are to keep us focused, on track, and to fill the void of loneliness.

Friendships are to help us in our time of need and to encourage when we are down.

Henry Ford says my best friend is the one who brings out the best in me.

1 Corinthians 15:33-34

Friends can lift you up or bring you down. Bad friends are ones that go against your morals, values, and character.

Your character is the book that people will read about you after you die.

Signs of Bad Ships

- They don't stand for the things of God.
- They cause you to walk away from your dreams.
- They take more than they give.

- They are always causing pain in your life.
- It's always their way and not your way.
- They gossip about you after you're gone.
- They leave you when others seem better then come back when it doesn't work out.

Signs of Good Ships

1 Samuel 20

Friendships are not just about talking, but it's about walking out your talk with each other.

5 Important lessons of David and Jonathan's Friendship

- Commitment

1 Samuel 20:4

Commitment says, I am committed no matter what's going on and who's involved.

Commitment is a rock that is not moved under pressure.

- Honesty

1 Samuel 20:13

Honesty says I will speak to truth even if it hurts.

Honesty speaks the truth in love and not always with a hammer.

- Agreement

1 Samuel 20:16-

Their agreement was to not let anything separate them from each other.

Have you let outside forces break up a friendship that should not have happened?

What breaks up friendships

- Resentment and anger
- Jealousy
- Unwilling to forgive
- Always having to be right
- Not supporting each other's dreams

- Trust

1 Samuel 20: 18-

Friends will not follow you if they can't trust you.

Trust keeps things between friends and not others.

Trust says you can depend on me when things get tough.

- **Loyalty**

1 Samuel 20:42

Loyalty is there no matter where you are or what you have done.

Loyalty says I believe in you even if you've done something wrong.

Loyalty doesn't quit on each other during the stormy seasons of your relationship.