

**Victory Connect Lesson**  
**Better Together Series: Lean On Me**  
**Pastor Paul Daugherty**  
**February 16, 2025**

**Key Passage:** 1Sa 18:1b, 3 KJV - ...the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. :3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

**Introduction:** We all need friends we can lean on, and we need to be a friend others can lean on. David and Jonathan had a strong healthy sacrificial friendship. David honored the friendship long after Jonathan died.

**1. Healthy friendships will make you better.** Pro 27:17 NLT - As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

**2. Jesus described the love for one's friends as the greatest love.** Jhn 15:13 NLT - There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

**3. Drawing near to others in Christ is one way to prepare for the end times.** Heb 10:25 WEB - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

**4. Good friends provoke one another to good works.** Heb 10:24 NLT - Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

**5. Isolation from others is not good and must be avoided.** Pro 18:1 NET - One who has isolated himself seeks his own desires; he rejects all sound judgment.

**6. Israel saw a great victory when Moses "leaned on" Aaron and Hur.** Exo 17:11-13 NET - Whenever Moses would raise his hands, then Israel prevailed, but whenever he would rest his hands, then Amalek prevailed. :12 NET - When the hands of Moses became heavy, they took a stone and put it under him, and Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side and one on the other, and so his hands were steady until the sun went down. :13 NET - So Joshua destroyed Amalek and his army with the sword.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What does "lay down your life for your friend" mean?
2. Was there a time isolation was a problem for you?
3. Share a time you were "sharpened" by a friend?

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