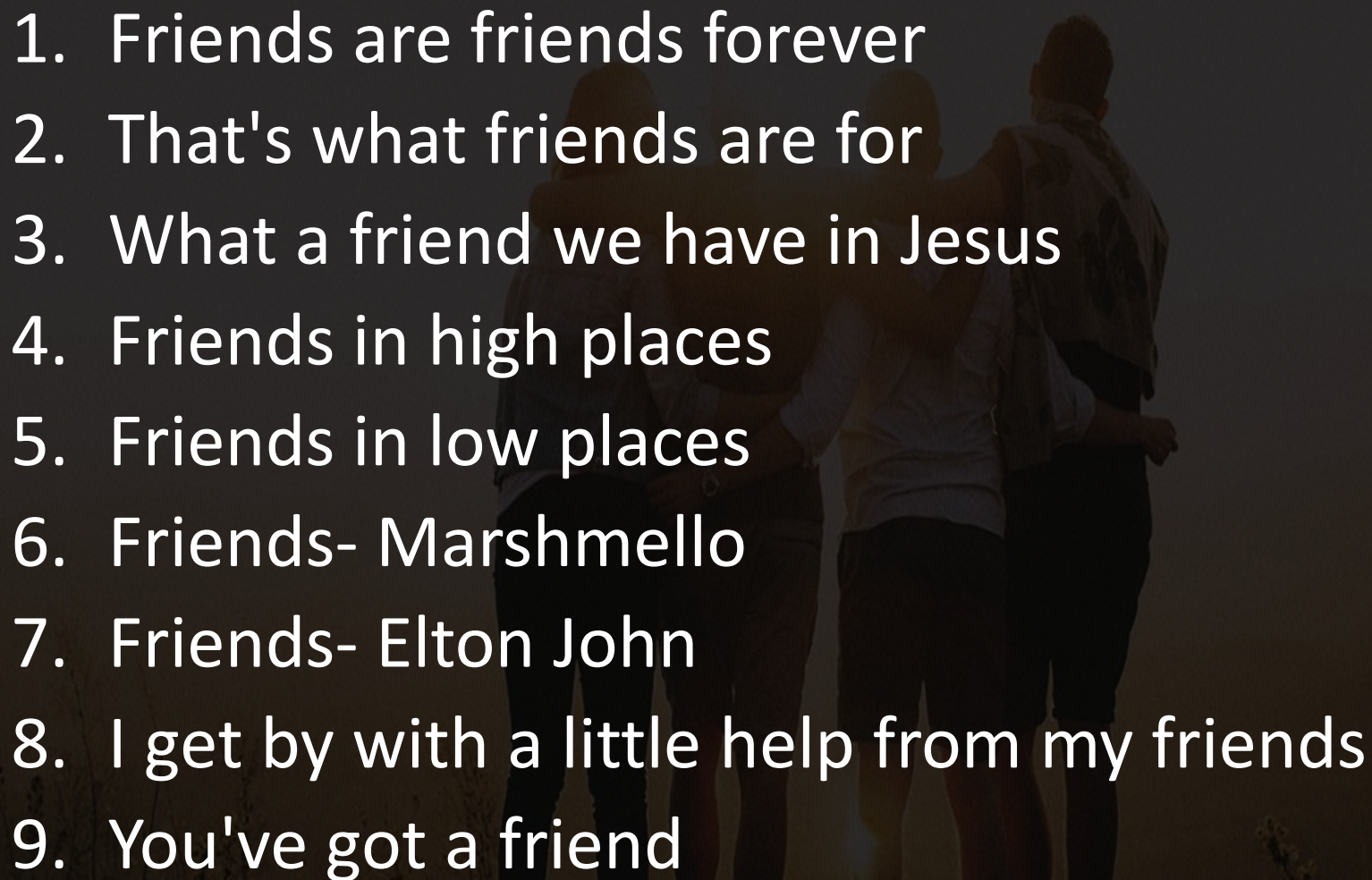


BEST FRIENDS FOREVER



1 Samuel 18-20

What is your favorite song about friends?

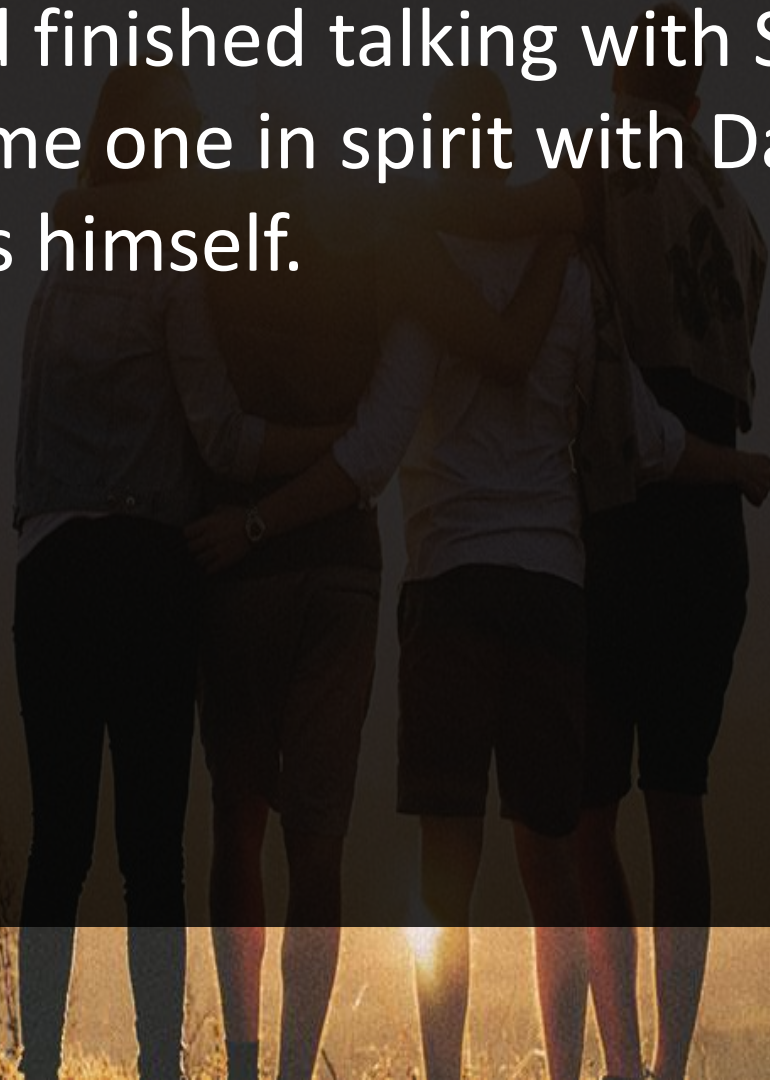
1. Friends are friends forever
 2. That's what friends are for
 3. What a friend we have in Jesus
 4. Friends in high places
 5. Friends in low places
 6. Friends- Marshmello
 7. Friends- Elton John
 8. I get by with a little help from my friends
 9. You've got a friend
- 
- The background of the slide features a photograph of four people standing in a field, their figures silhouetted against a bright, hazy sunset or sunrise sky. The people are positioned in a line, with their arms around each other, suggesting a close-knit group of friends. The overall mood is warm and nostalgic.

1 Samuel 18:1-4

18 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

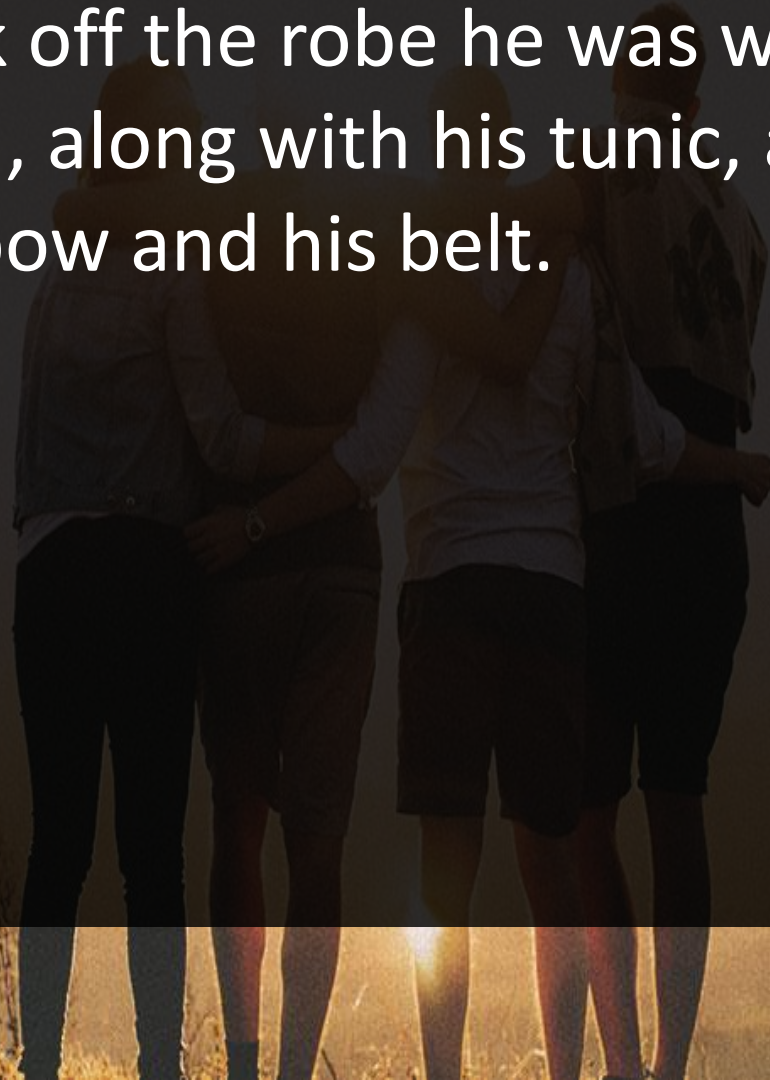
Friendship is based on love-v.1

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.



Friends share- 18:4

⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.



Friends carry us through tough times



Friendship is a sign of spirituality



A true friend is loyal- 1 Samuel 19:1-7

19 Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan had taken a great liking to David ² and warned him, “My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. ³ I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I’ll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out.”

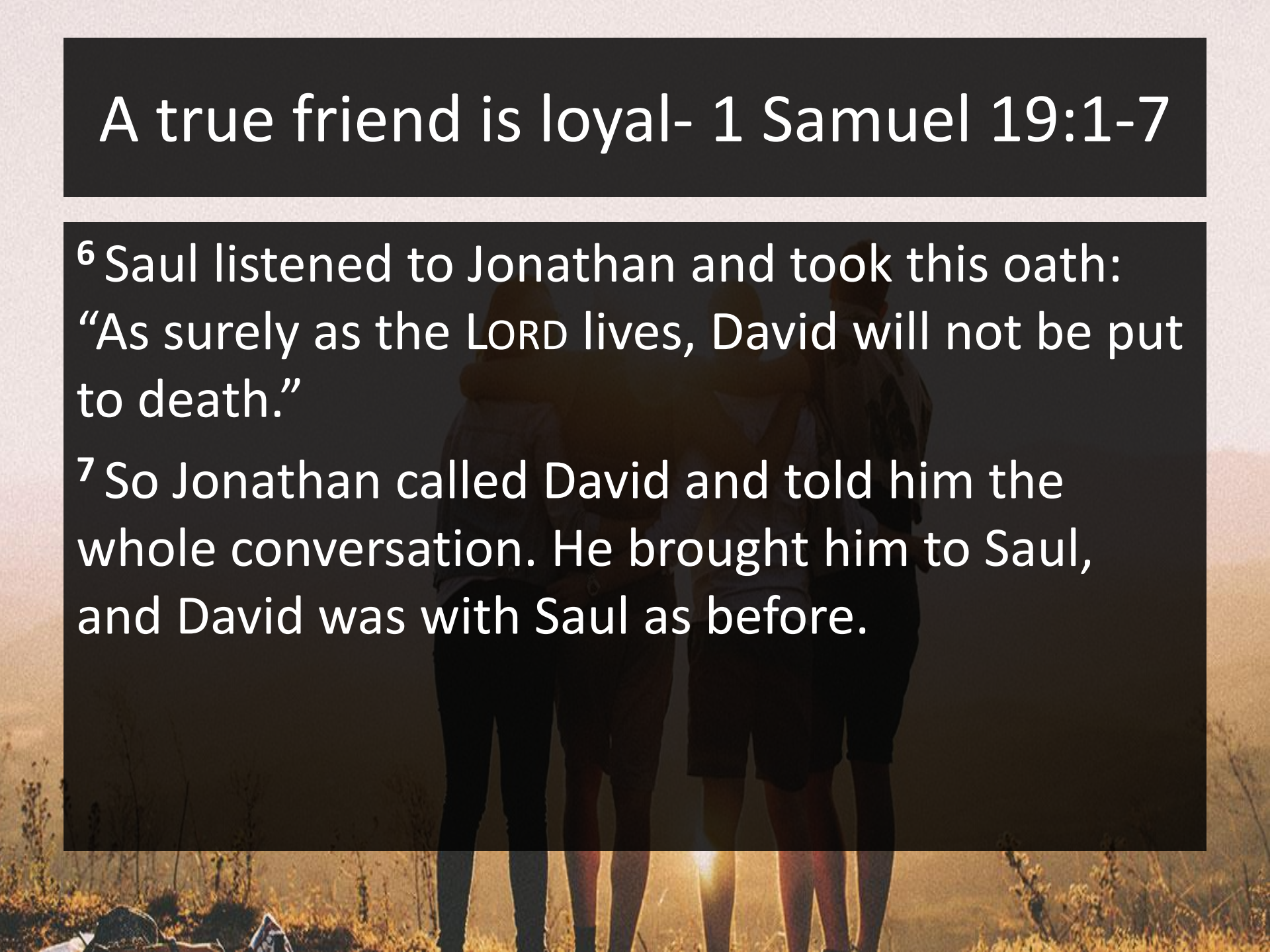
A true friend is loyal- 1 Samuel 19:1-7

⁴ Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. ⁵ He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?”

A true friend is loyal- 1 Samuel 19:1-7

⁶ Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: “As surely as the LORD lives, David will not be put to death.”

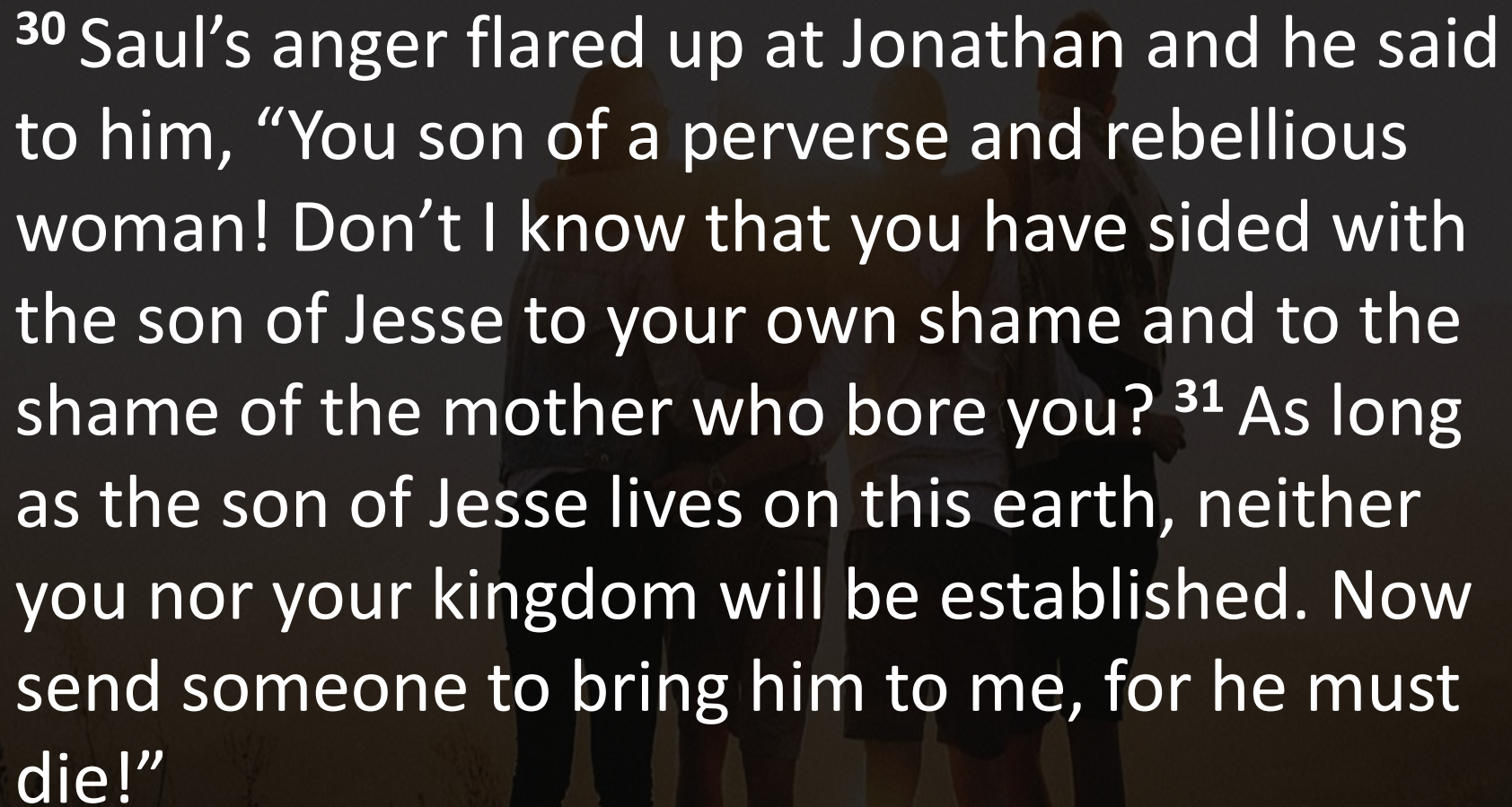
⁷ So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.



A friend risks their life for you

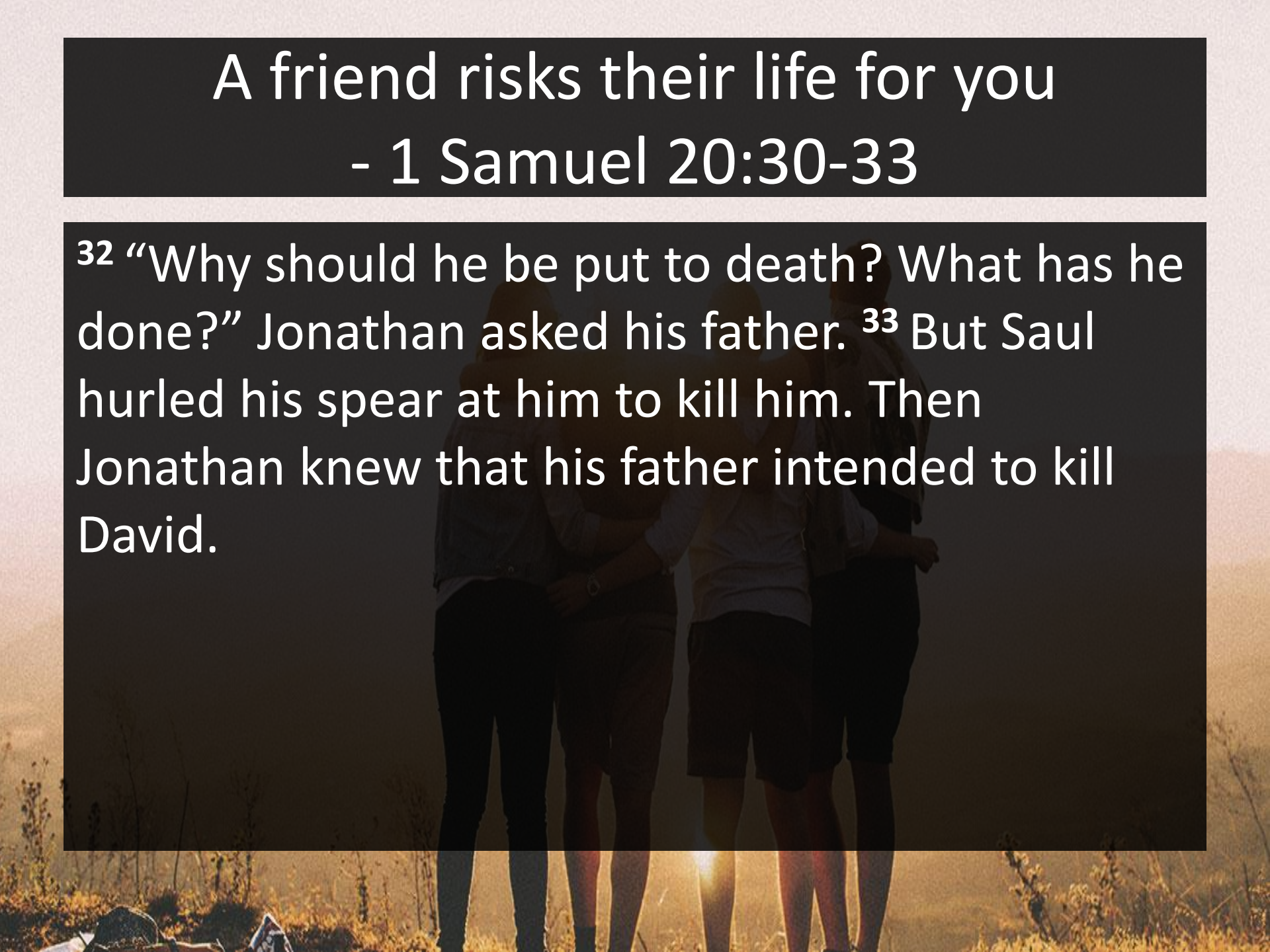
- 1 Samuel 20:30-33

³⁰ Saul's anger flared up at Jonathan and he said to him, "You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you?" ³¹ As long as the son of Jesse lives on this earth, neither you nor your kingdom will be established. Now send someone to bring him to me, for he must die!"



A friend risks their life for you - 1 Samuel 20:30-33

³² “Why should he be put to death? What has he done?” Jonathan asked his father. ³³ But Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him. Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

The background of the slide features a photograph of three people standing in a field at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright, hazy glow. The people are silhouetted against the light, and their forms are dark against the bright background. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

Friends are honest- 1 Samuel 20:1-4

20 Then David fled from Nain in Ramah and went to Jonathan and asked, “What have I done? What is my crime? How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to kill me?”

2 “Never!” Jonathan replied. “You are not going to die! Look, my father doesn’t do anything, great or small, without letting me know. Why would he hide this from me? It isn’t so!”

Friends are honest- 1 Samuel 20:1-4

³ But David took an oath and said, “Your father knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said to himself, ‘Jonathan must not know this or he will be grieved.’ Yet as surely as the LORD lives and as you live, there is only a step between me and death.”

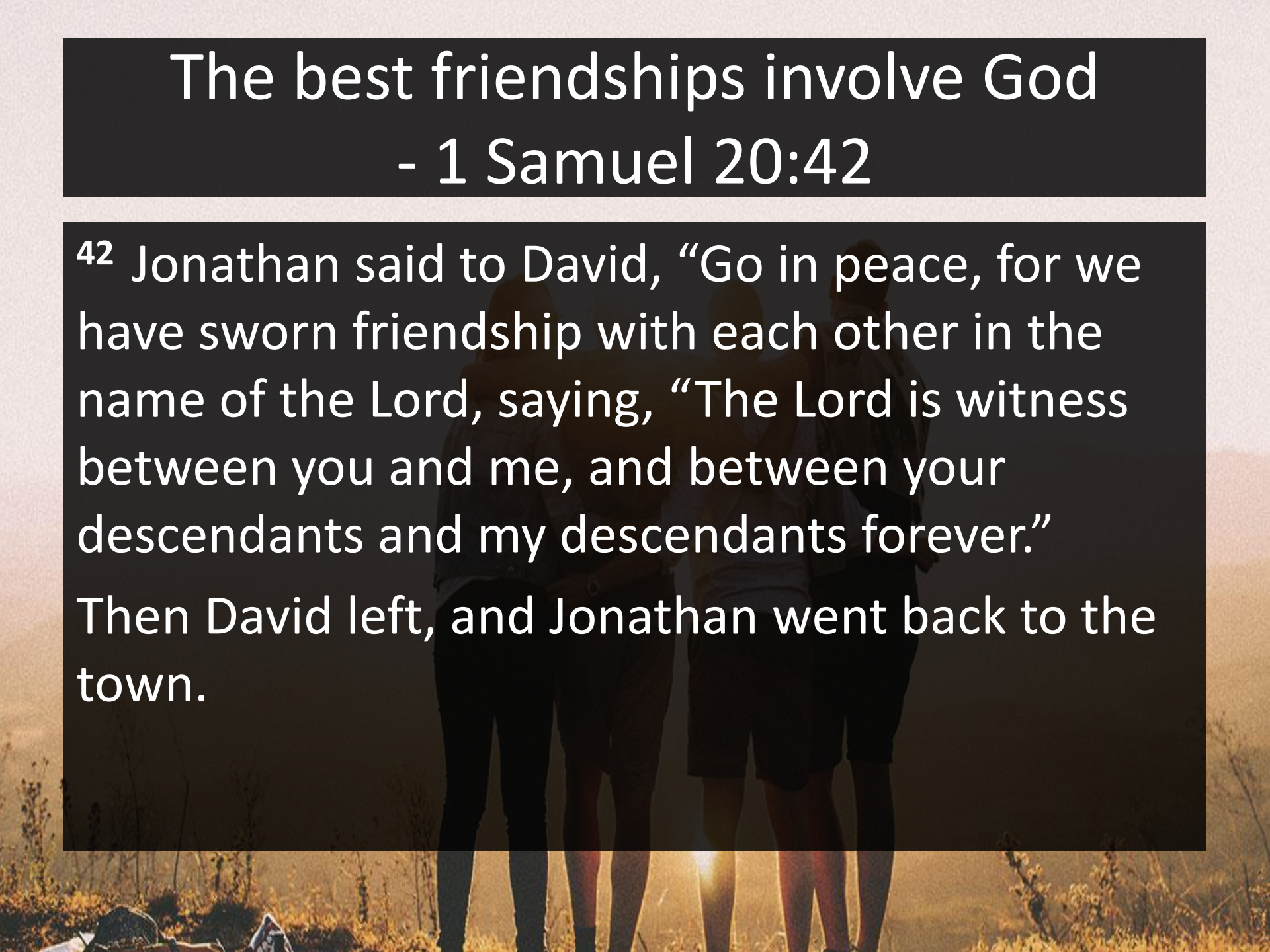
⁴ Jonathan said to David, “Whatever you want me to do, I’ll do for you.”

The best friendships involve God

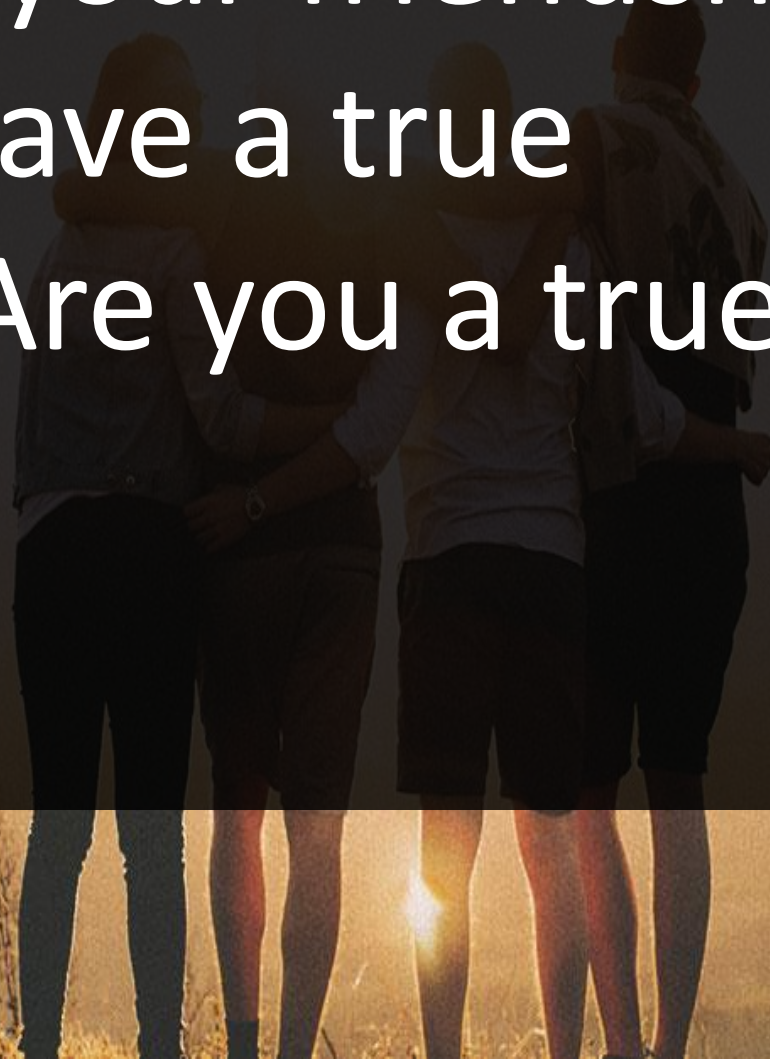
- 1 Samuel 20:42

⁴² Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the Lord, saying, “The Lord is witness between you and me, and between your descendants and my descendants forever.”

Then David left, and Jonathan went back to the town.



How are your friendships?
Do you have a true
friend? Are you a true
friend?



Application

I will be a friend to have friends

The background of the slide features a photograph of three people standing on a hillside, silhouetted against a bright, hazy sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong lens flare and casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. The people are standing close together, with their arms around each other's shoulders, suggesting a moment of shared experience or friendship. The landscape in the background is a vast, open field with some sparse vegetation.