



# HOW TO BE A MAN OR WOMAN **AFTER GOD'S HEART**

Lessons from the Life of David

## Relationships Matter

Part 3

*1 Samuel 18-20*



# *Relationships Matter!*

Take a deep look at the people in your life, because God is going to use these relationships as a key teaching tool in the shaping & molding of your character.



# 1. Relationships to Authority

COMMITMENT #1: I will honor God-given authority figures in my life and walk in humility before them.



## 2. Relationships with Regular People

COMMITMENT #2: I will seek to be a man/woman of character and not be distracted by what others may think.



# 3. Relationships of Conflict

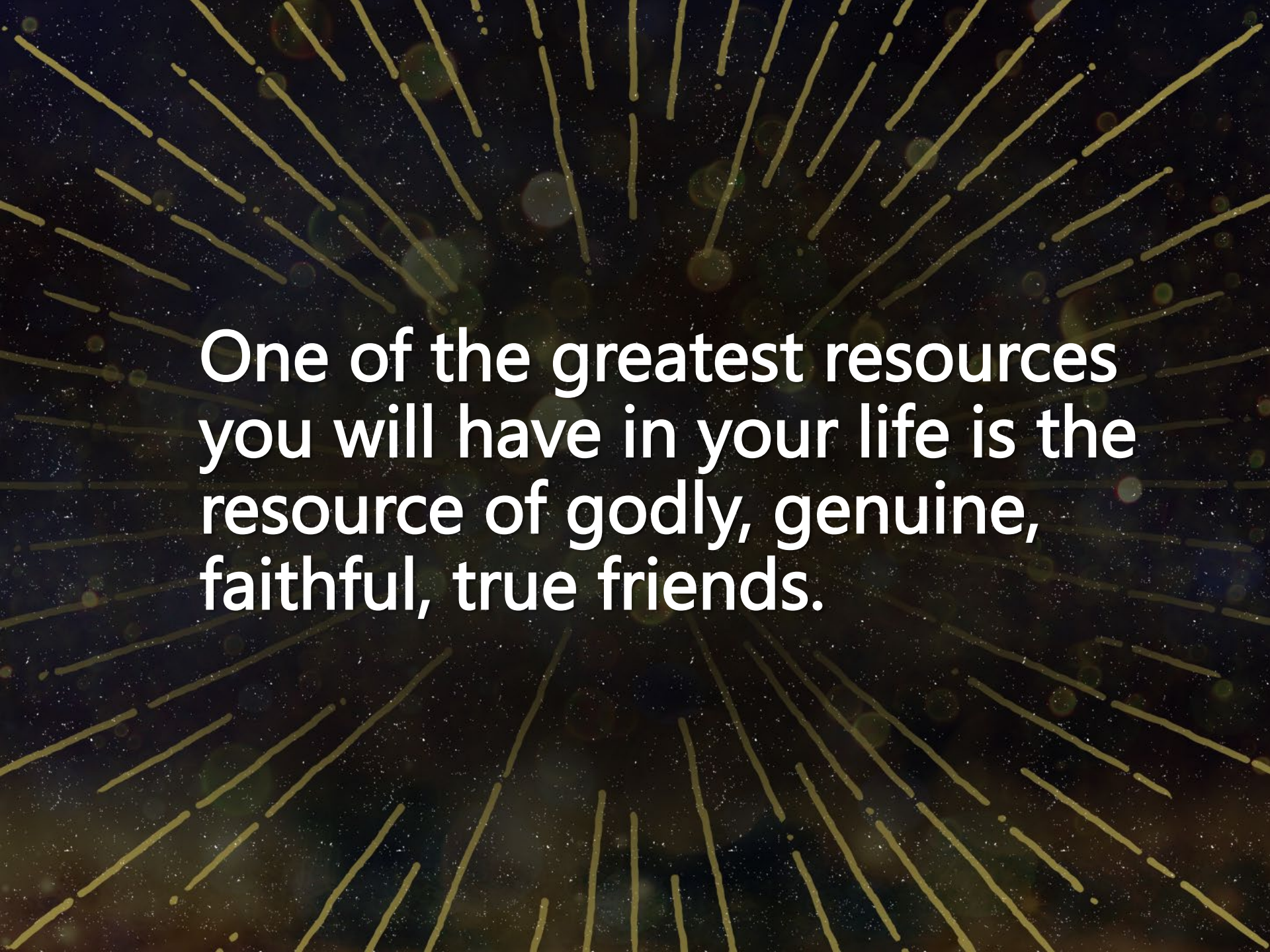
COMMITMENT #3: I will learn from personality conflicts in my life and seek to please God in my responses.





## 4. Relationships with Genuine Friends





One of the greatest resources  
you will have in your life is the  
resource of godly, genuine,  
faithful, true friends.



# Foster. True. Friendships.

You are going to need them to...

- Be your encourager in times of crisis
- Confront you when you are making an unwise decision
- Support you when you need strength
- Care for you when you are hurting
- Challenge you when you have become complacent

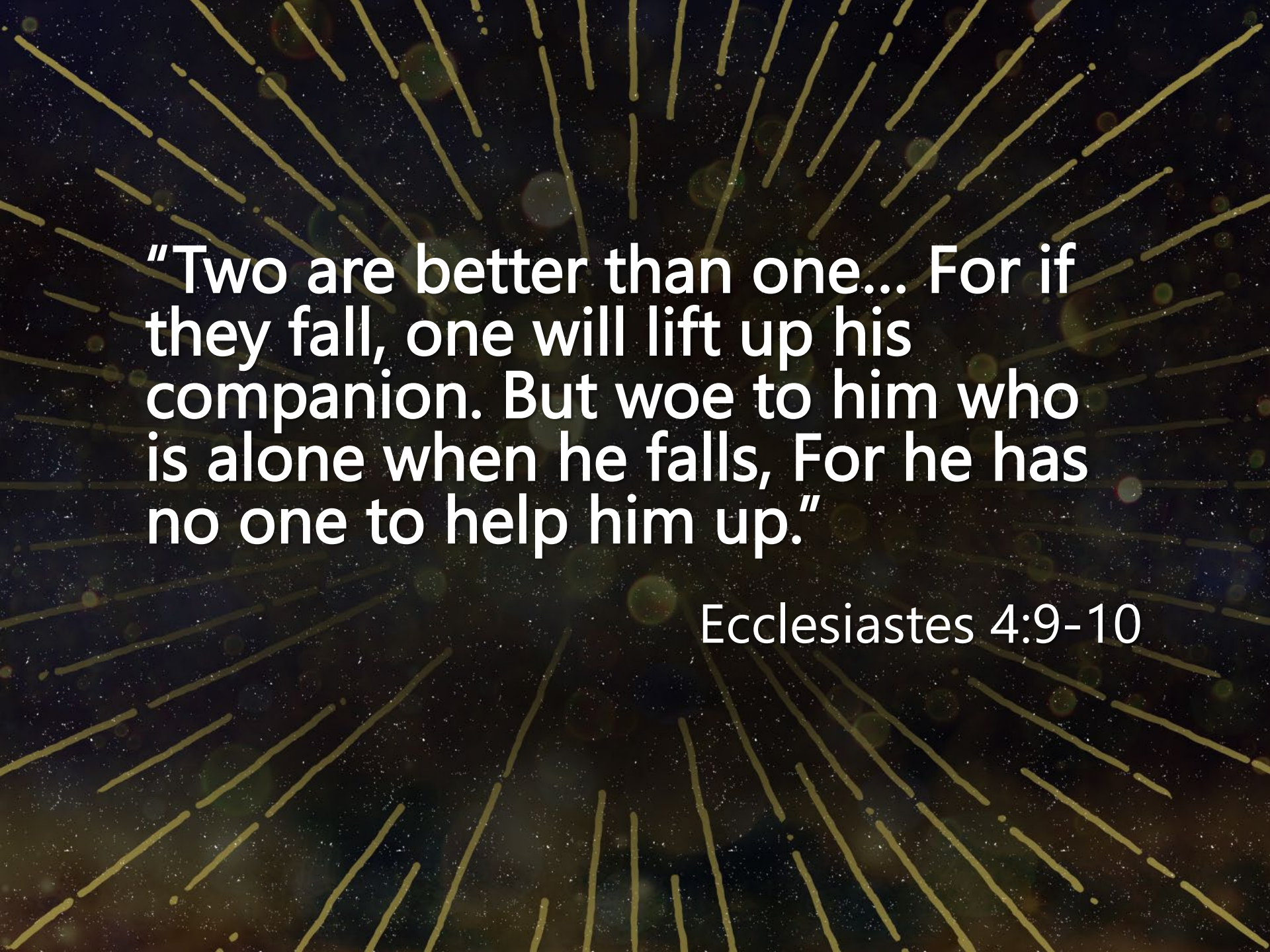




Genuine friendships are characterized by...

1. Depth (18:1)





"Two are better than one... For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

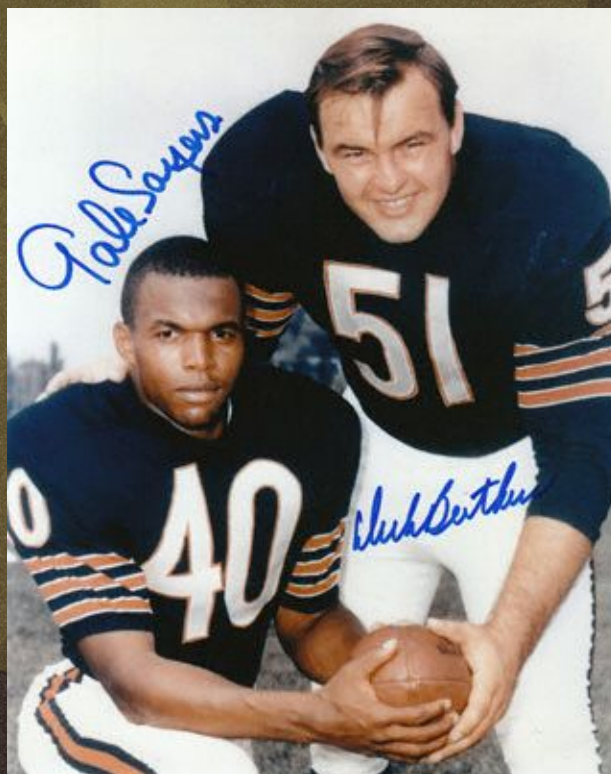


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## 1. Depth (18:1)

- You can't have depth in your friendships apart from shared values.
- You can't have depth in your friendships if you are unwilling to be transparent and accountable.





Gale Sayers and Brian Piccolo





# Genuine friendships are characterized by...

1. Depth (18:1)
2. Loyalty (18:3)





**"A friend loveth at all times,  
and a brother is born for  
adversity."**

Proverbs 17:17



# Genuine friendships are characterized by...

1. Depth (18:1)
2. Loyalty (18:3)
3. Sacrifice (18:4)



We few, we happy few, we band of  
brothers:

For he today that sheds his blood with me  
Shall be my brother.

Shakespeare – Henry V





**Paratroopers of the legendary Easy Company of the 506th Regiment, 101st Airborne, a "Band of Brothers"**

June 7, 1944: In the square at St. Marie-du-Mont, Easy Company paratroopers (front, l-r) Forrest Guth, Frank Mellet, David Morris, Daniel West, Floyd Talbert, and C. T. Smith, pose with infantrymen from the Army's 4th Division. (Photo by Walter Gordon)



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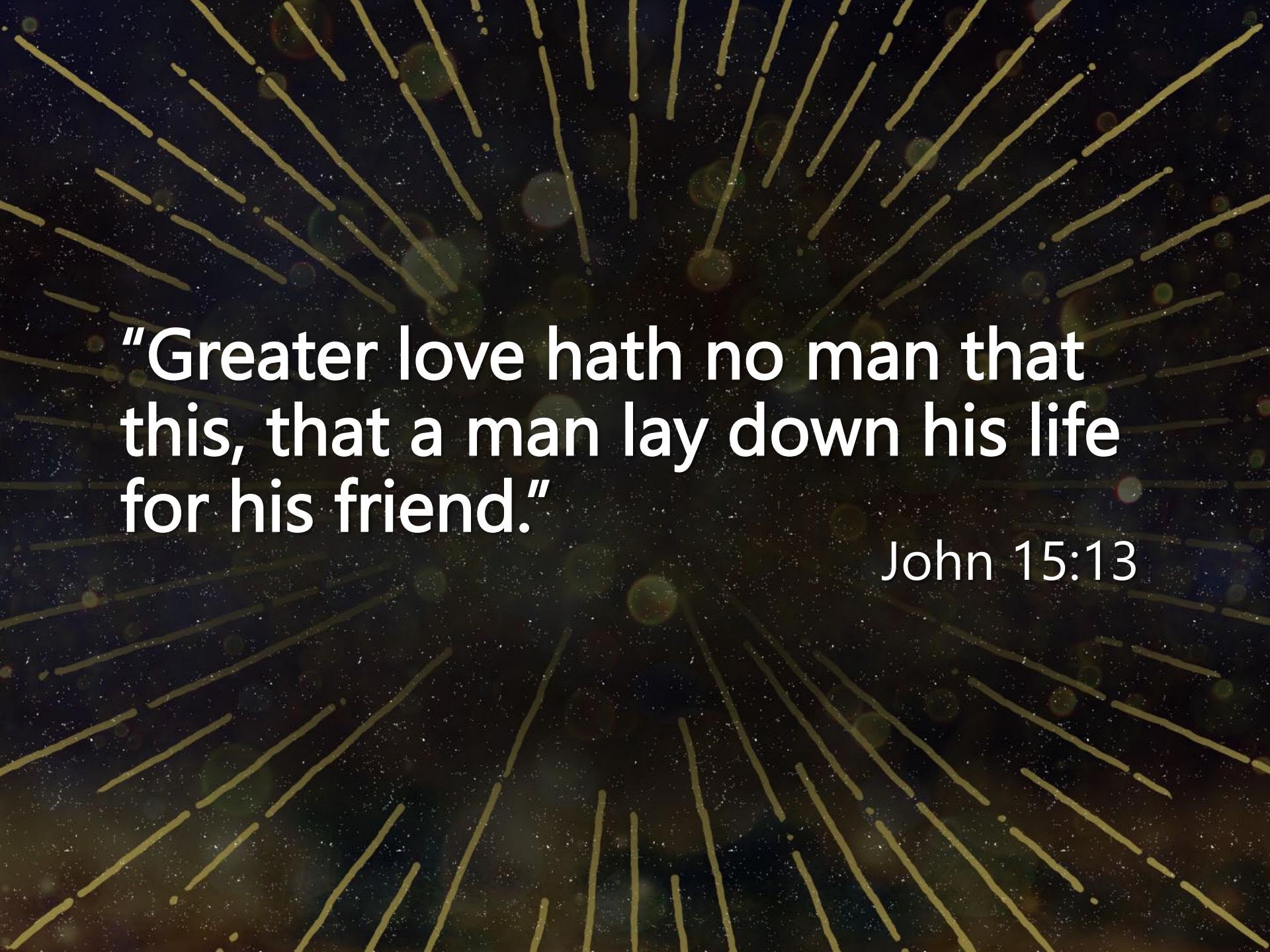
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FROM NORMANDY TO HITLER'S EAGLE'S NEST





**"Greater love hath no man that  
this, that a man lay down his life  
for his friend."**

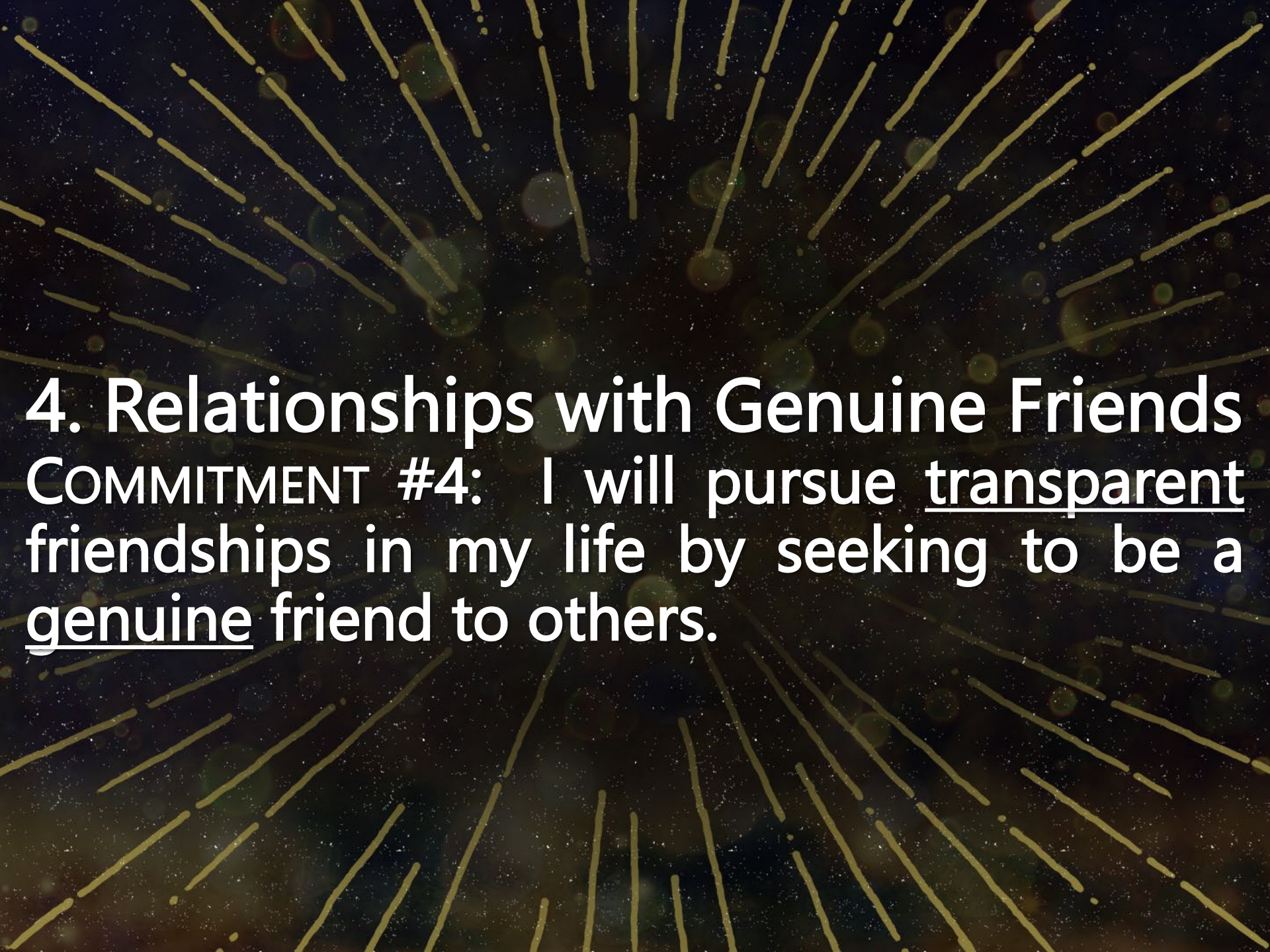
**John 15:13**



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3. Sacrifice (18:4)
4. Encouragement (20:1-2; 23:14-16)





4. Relationships with Genuine Friends  
COMMITMENT #4: I will pursue transparent  
friendships in my life by seeking to be a  
genuine friend to others.



# koi·no·ni·a

/ˌkoinəˈnēə/

*noun*

Christian fellowship or communion, with God or, more commonly, with fellow Christians.





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