

Readings for April 14, 2024

1 Samuel 18:1-5

After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 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. Whatever mission Saul sent him on, David was so successful that Saul gave him a high rank in the army. This pleased all the troops, and Saul's officers as well.

Another Sacred Text

Friendship is Romance

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I want a world where friendship is appreciated as a form of romance. I want a world where when people ask if we are seeing anyone we can list the names of all of our best friends and no one will bat an eyelid. I want monuments and holidays and certificates and ceremonies to commemorate friendship. I want a world that doesn't require us to be in a sexual or romantic partnership to be seen as mature (let alone complete). I want a movement that fights for all forms of relationships not just the sexual ones. I want thousands of songs and movies and poems about the intimacy between friends. I want a world where our worth isn't linked to our desirability, our security to our monogamy, and our family to our biology.