



# Welcome to Women's Bible Study

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Today's lecture by Jann Wright is from 1 Samuel 18-20 titled:

## ***What's In The Heart: A Heart of Friendship***

***As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone as you enter Bible study.***

Dear Friends,

Last week we began our series, *What's in the Heart?* I hope that, like David, you found a heart of courage for what this past week held for you – courage to do what's right, courage to face fear, and courage to listen to God.

This week Jann Wright will talk about the extraordinary relationship between David and Jonathan. I pray that you will have such a friend in your life – a friend who fills you up when you are drained of energy, who lays down their life for you, who generously gives of all they have. But even if human friends have been unreliable on occasion, we still have a friend in Jesus Christ who has done all this and more for us. The night before he died Jesus said to his disciples: "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." (John 15: 12-14) And then he laid down his life on the cross.

One of our goals for Bible study is that we would draw near to each other in friendship, so I pray that you will find friends here this year. But our other goal is that you will draw near to Christ, who already loves you and extends his friendship to you. May he bless you this week.

Warmly, Gretchen Steer

### **PLEASE TAKE NOTE:**

- **TODAY:** *We will meet in assigned small groups immediately following the lecture. If you are not on the printed list, please stop by the Welcome Table to be assigned to a small group. We do our best at arranging the small groups, however, if for some reason, your assigned group is not going to work please talk to us. We want you to ENJOY our time together.*
- **NAMETAGS:** *Please pick up your permanent nametag today and plan to wear it each week so we can get to know you by name. If you need a nametag please talk to Michelle Johnson.*
- **FORMAT:** *Fellowship time begins at 9:15 AM with worship at 9:30 followed by the teaching lecture and small group time. Small groups should dismiss at 11:00 sharp so mothers can pick up their children. You are free to visit with friends as long as you wish AFTER you pick up your children.*
- *We have a limited number of **WBS tote bags** available for sale today for \$10.00 each.*
- *All of our weekly printed materials are available on our website listed on the reverse side.*
- **WBS CHILDREN:** *Your children are being cared for by our WBS Children's Ministry team led by Laura Ostergard and Dolores Davis. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Laura at [laura.ostergard@yahoo.com](mailto:laura.ostergard@yahoo.com) or 533-8437.*
- **QUESTIONS:** *Stop by the Welcome Table or contact Michelle Johnson, ARC Women's Ministry Assistant and WBS Administrative Assistant, 288-8880 or [marthatoo@hotmail.com](mailto:marthatoo@hotmail.com) or e-mail us at: [wbs@autumnridgechurch.org](mailto:wbs@autumnridgechurch.org)*



# Women's Bible Study Weekly Outline

## *What's In The Heart: A Heart of Friendship*

*1 Samuel 18-20 Jann Wright*

<sup>1</sup>Now when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. <sup>2</sup>Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. <sup>3</sup>Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. <sup>4</sup>And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt. (1 Samuel 18:1-4)

### **The Friendship of David and Jonathan**

#### **Differences**

#### **Similarities**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### **The Covenant**

#### **What can we learn from their Relationship?**



**MEET KARLEE NICHOLS:** I moved to Rochester in January of 2008 when my husband, Reggie, was called to Autumn Ridge as the high school student pastor. Floating down the Mississippi, pulling pranks on the high school student pastor, 6 AM breakfasts and slumber parties with students not only keep me extremely tired, but constantly remind me of the honor and urgency of passionately leading youth toward Christ. My most rewarding and challenging role thus far is having the honor of being the mom to Selah (2) and Levi (1)(aka: officially the most beautiful and amazing children ever created - I am totally unbiased). My knowledge and passion for the Spanish language and the Hispanic culture have allowed me to teach high school Spanish at Schaeffer Academy, but now I instruct privately at home. God has been pursuing me to lead worship over the last few years, and has recently made it very clear that I cannot hesitate any longer. The Lord has always revealed Himself to me through music, and I am so excited to have the opportunity to share this passion with so many women. I humbly thank you and look forward to serving with you all in this capacity.

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