


A photograph of a woman with curly hair, wearing a red dress with white embroidery, sitting at a table and laughing heartily. She is looking towards a man who is seen from the side, wearing a blue and white striped shirt. They are in a bright, indoor setting, possibly a cafe or a dining room, with large windows in the background. The image has a soft, warm tone.


Are you a real friend?

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A woman with curly hair, wearing a red dress with white embroidery, is smiling and looking towards a man. The man, wearing a blue and white striped shirt, is seen from the side, looking back at her. They are sitting at a wooden table with two coffee cups, one black and one white. The background is a bright, out-of-focus interior space with large windows.

¹³ So David and his men—about 600 of them now—left Keilah and began roaming the countryside. Word soon reached Saul that David had escaped, so he didn't go to Keilah after all. ¹⁴ David now stayed in the strongholds of the wilderness and in the hill country of Ziph. Saul hunted him day after day, but God didn't let Saul find him. 1 Sam 23:13-17


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¹⁵ One day near Horesh, David received the news that Saul was on the way to Ziph to search for him and kill him. ¹⁶ Jonathan went to find David and encouraged him to stay strong in his faith in God. ¹⁷ “Don’t be afraid,” Jonathan reassured him. “My father will never find you! You are going to be the king of Israel, and I will be next to you, as my father, Saul, is well aware.”

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2. True friends build faith not fear.

3. True friends are unselfish.

⁴ Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt. 1 Sam 18:4

4. True friends give of themselves.