

THE LIFE OF DAVID

AFTER
GOD'S
HEART

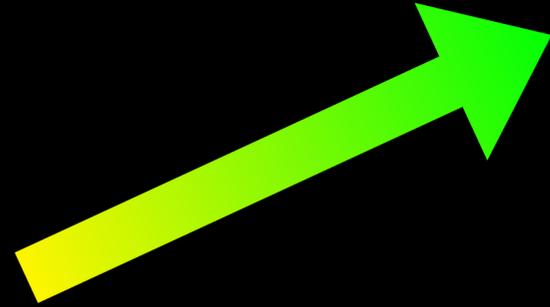
“Covenant Friendship”
1 Samuel 18-20



champion

one who fights
on behalf of
someone else

DAVID



JESUS



US

In rising up to fight Goliath, David shows us what a life of faith looks like—trusting God to help us in our time of need.





1 Samuel 17:31-37

When the words that David spoke were heard, they repeated them before Saul, and he sent for him.

And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine."

And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth."



1 Samuel 17:31-37

But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God."



1 Samuel
17:31-37

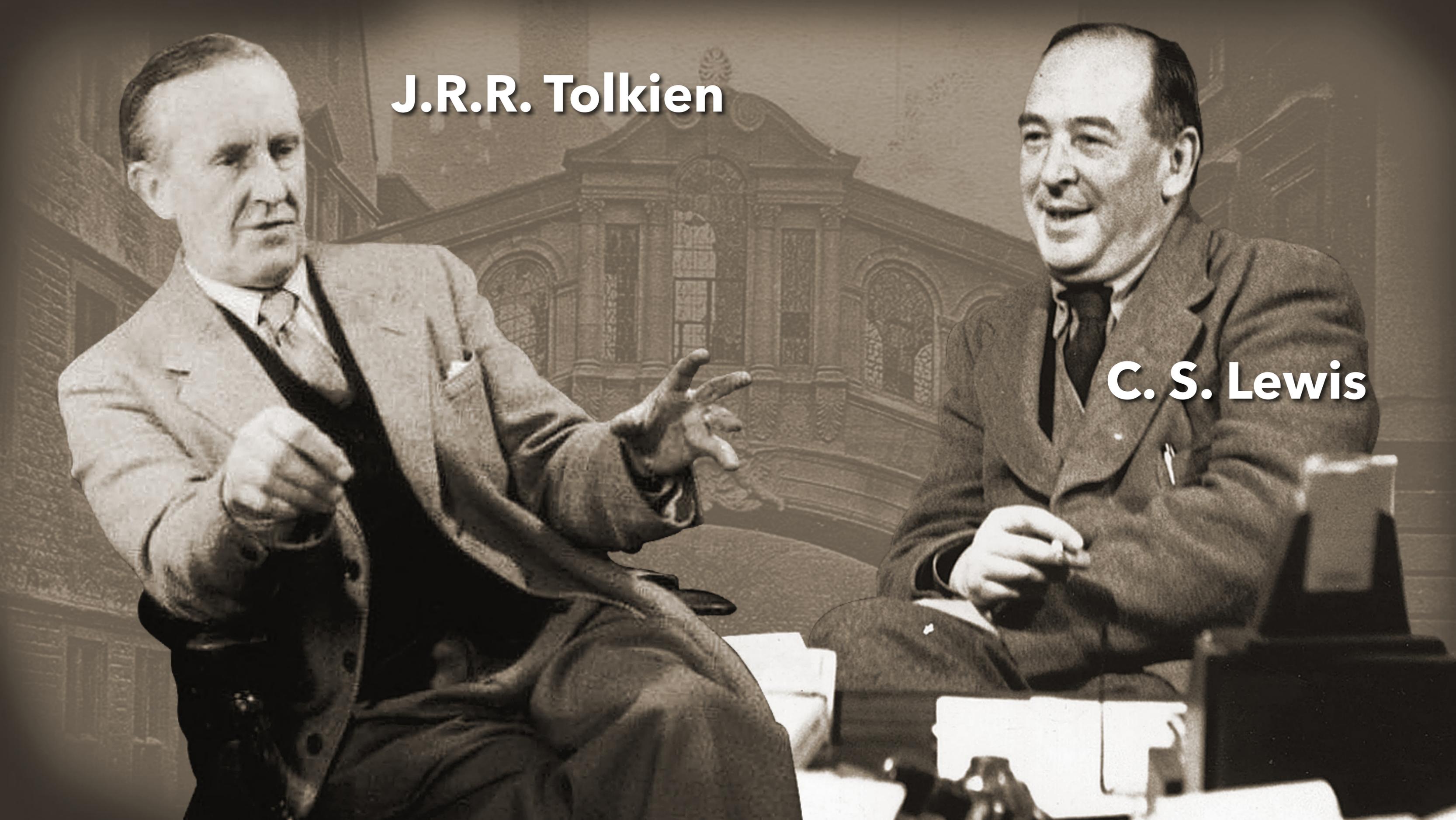
And David said, "The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!"



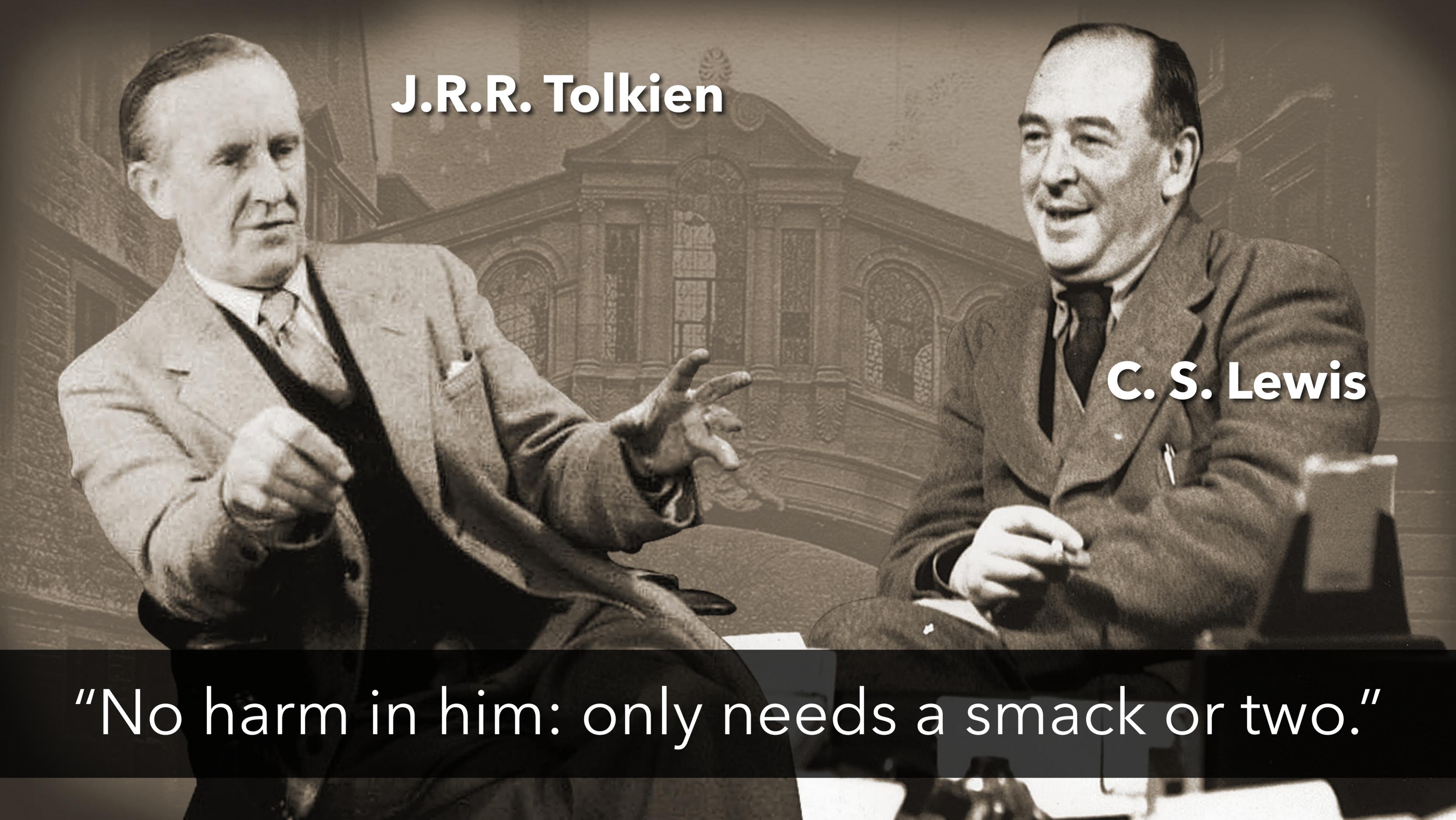
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... to have gone to meet Goliath wearing Saul's armor would have been disaster. Borrowed armor always is. David needed what was authentic to him. ... Israel had a glorious history—Abraham and Moses, Joshua and Samuel. But history, no matter how glorious, doesn't save anyone. Every person learns the way of faith freshly or not at all.



J.R.R. Tolkien

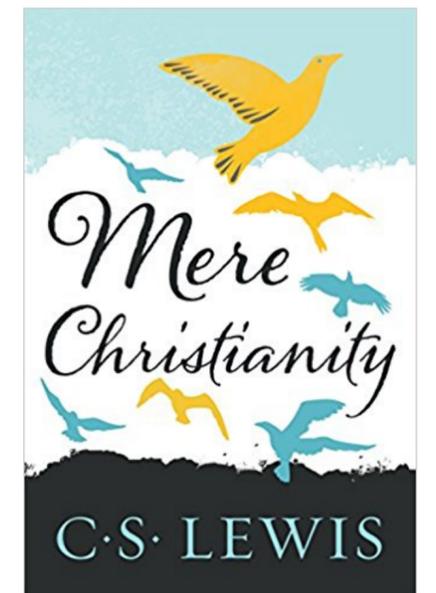
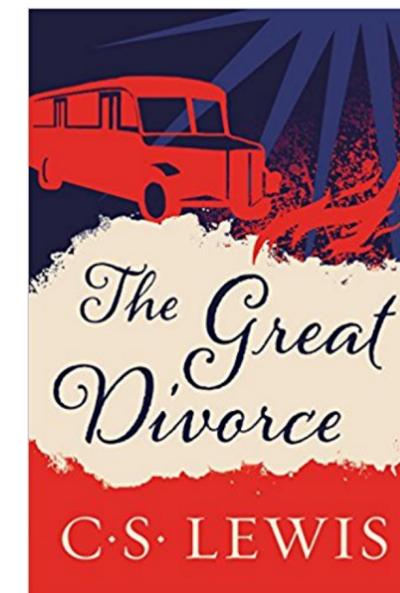
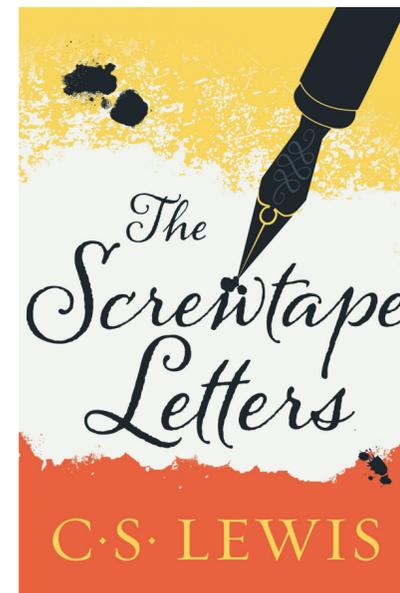
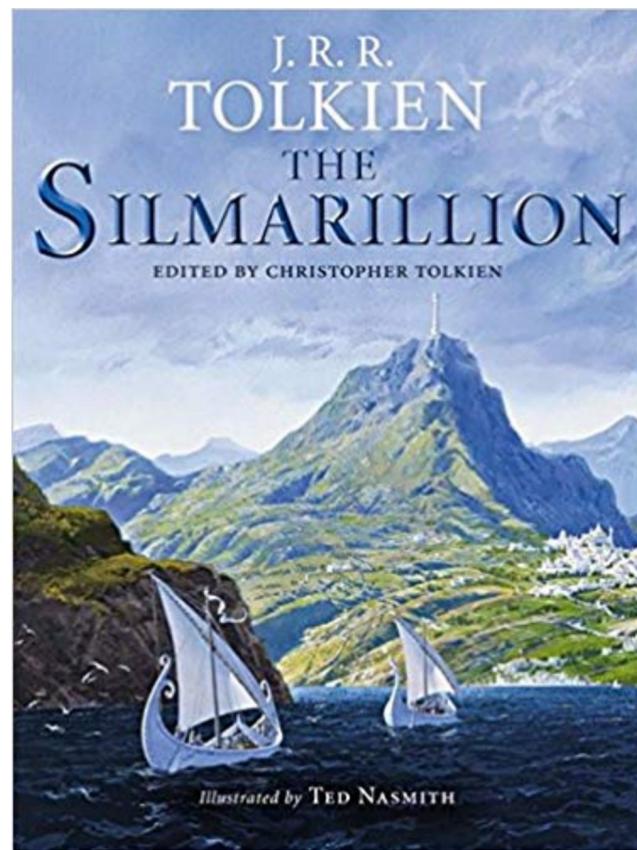
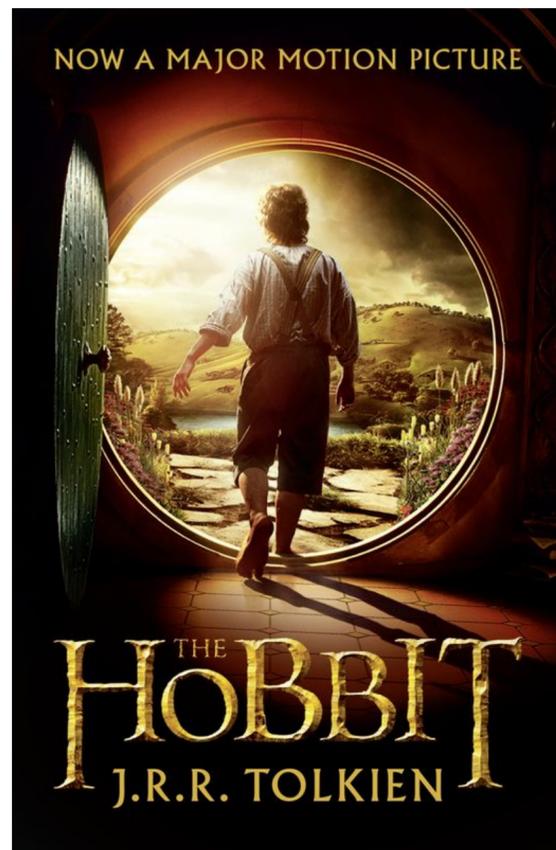
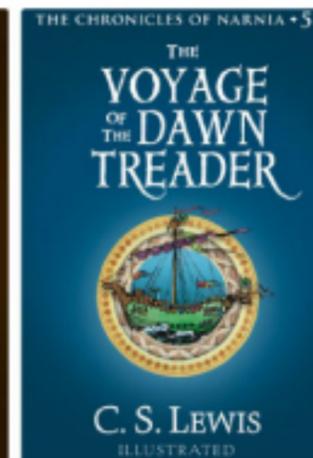
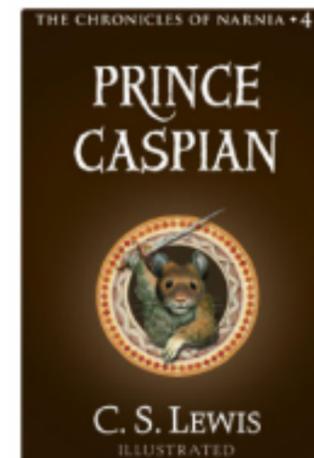
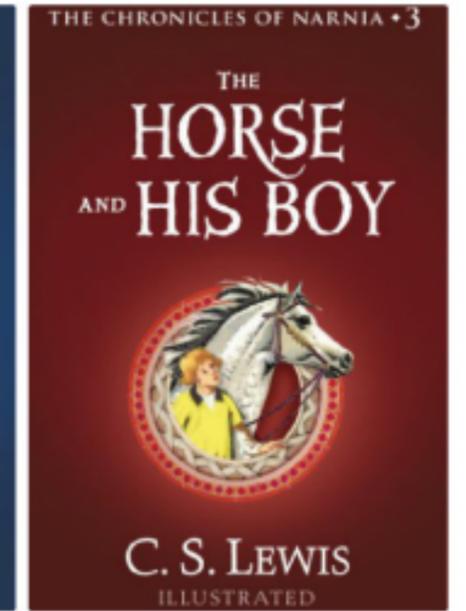
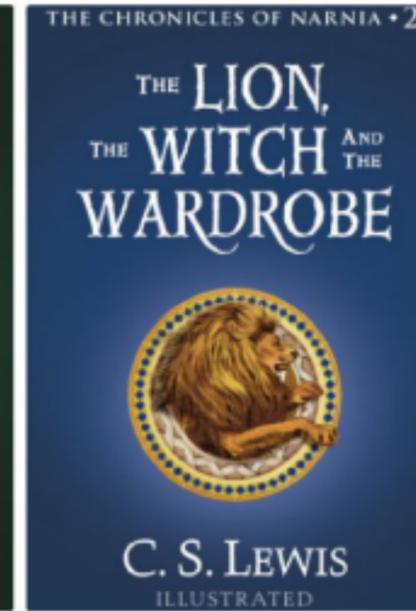
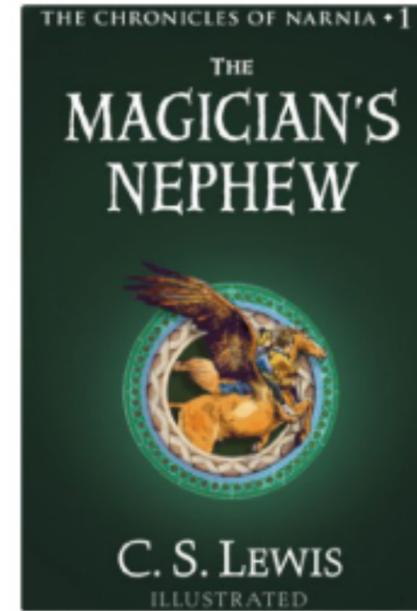
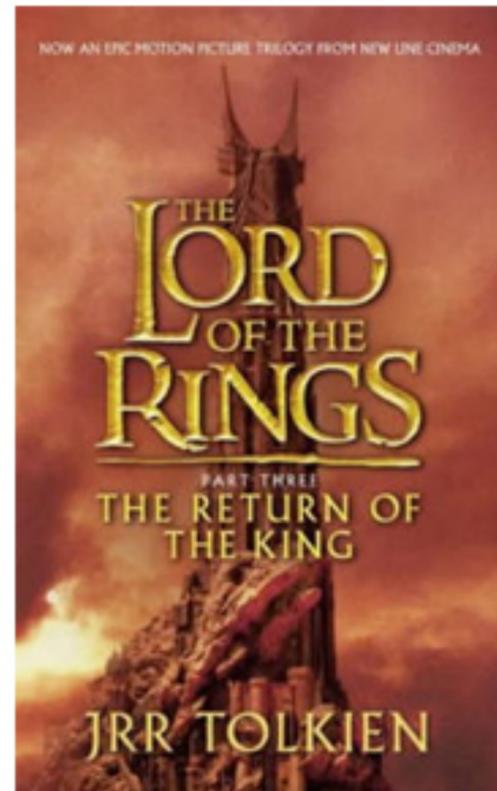
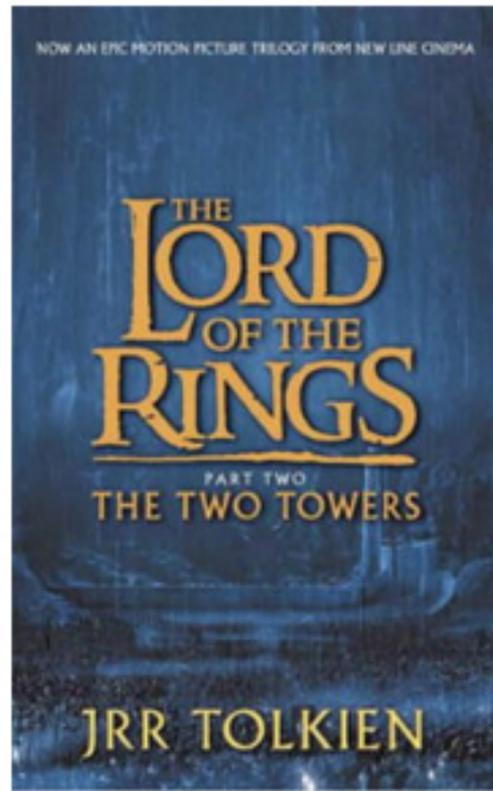
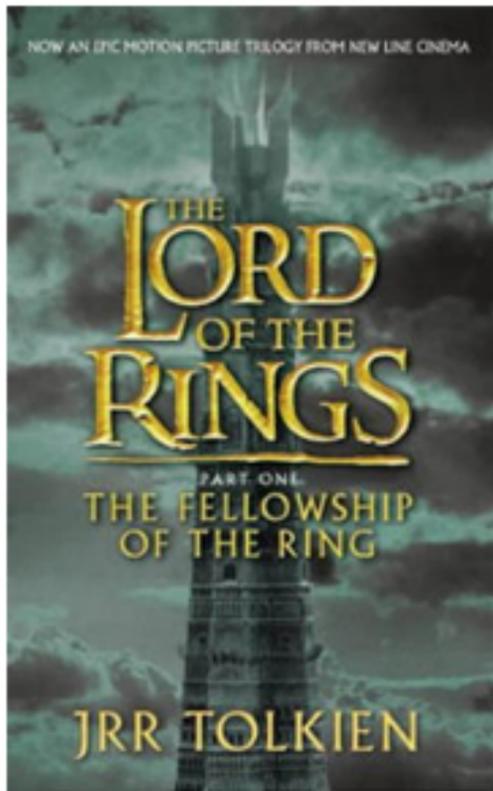
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“No harm in him: only needs a smack or two.”





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I thought I saw how stories of this kind could steal past a certain inhibition which had paralysed much of my own religion in childhood. Why did one find it so hard to feel as one was told one ought to feel about God or the sufferings of Christ? I thought the chief reason was that one was told one ought to. An obligation to feel can freeze feelings. ...



C. S. Lewis

But supposing that by casting all these things into an imaginary world, stripping them of their stained-glass and Sunday School associations, one could make them for the first time appear in their real potency? Could one not thus steal past those watchful dragons? I thought one could.



1 Samuel 18:6-7

As they were coming home, when David returned from striking down the Philistine, the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with songs of joy, and with musical instruments.

And the women sang to one another as they celebrated, "Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands."



1 Samuel 18:8-9

And Saul was very angry, and this saying displeased him.

He said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed thousands, and what more can he have but the kingdom?"

And Saul eyed David from that day on.



1 Samuel 18:10-11

The next day a harmful spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand. And Saul hurled the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David evaded him twice.



1 Samuel 18:12-16

Saul was afraid of David because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence and made him a commander of a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people. And David had success in all his undertakings, for the LORD was with him. And when Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in fearful awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, for he went out and came in before them.



1 Samuel 18:20-21

Now Saul's daughter Michal loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. Saul thought, "Let me give her to him, that she may be a snare for him and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to David a second time, "You shall now be my son-in-law."



1 Samuel 18:27-29

David arose and went, along with his men, and killed two hundred of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, which were given in full number to the king, that he might become the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him his daughter Michal for a wife. But when Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him, Saul was even more afraid of David. So Saul was David's enemy continually.



1 Samuel 19:14-16

And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, "He is sick."

Then Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him."

And when the messengers came in, behold, the image was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at its head.



1 Samuel 20:1

Then David fled from Nain in Ramah and came and said before Jonathan, "What have I done? What is my guilt? And what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life?"



Psalm 7:1-11

"a Shiggaion of David"

a passionate poem written under
a moment of wild and extreme
emotions



Psalm 7:1-11

O LORD my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me, lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.

O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands, if I have repaid my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause, let the enemy pursue my soul and



Psalm 7:1-11

overtake it, and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory in the dust. *Selah*

Arise, O LORD, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment. Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you; over it return on high.



Psalm 7:1-11

The LORD judges the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me. Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous— you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God! My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.



1 Samuel 23:15-17

David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh. And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and **strengthened his hand in God**. And he said to him, "Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. You shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. Saul my father also knows this."

Friendships are essential
because we are not strong
enough to face the
challenges of life on our own.





Hebrews 3:12-14

Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. **But exhort one another every day**, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be **hardened by the deceitfulness of sin**. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

True friendship is
rooted in covenant
commitment.





1 Samuel 18:1-3

As soon as 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. And Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then **Jonathan made a covenant with David**, because he loved him as his own soul.

Proverbs 18:24

A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.





In a world that is filled with challenges and uncertainties, God uses our covenants to accomplish his will in our lives.





Louis Smedes

When you make a promise, you tie yourself to other persons by the unseen fibers of loyalty. When everything else tells them they can count on nothing, they count on you. When they do not have the faintest notion of what in the world is going on around them, they will know that



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you are going to be there with them. You have created **a small sanctuary of trust within the jungle of unpredictability:** you have made a promise that you intend to keep.

In covenant friendships
we value others by
seeing them as God
sees them.





1 Samuel 18:4-5

And Jonathan stripped himself of **the robe** that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him, so that Saul set him over the men of war. And this was good in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul's servants.



1 Samuel 20:30-34

Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, "You son of a perverse, rebellious woman, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own shame, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse lives on the earth, neither you nor your kingdom shall be established. Therefore send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die."



1 Samuel 20:30-34

Then Jonathan answered Saul his father, "Why should he be put to death? What has he done?" But Saul hurled his spear at him to strike him. So Jonathan knew that his father was determined to put David to death. And Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger and ate no food the second day of the month, for he was grieved for David, because his father had disgraced him.



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Each of us has contact with hundreds of people who never look beyond our surface appearance. We have dealings with hundreds of people who the moment they set eyes on us begin calculating what use we can be to them, what they can get out of us. We meet hundreds of people who take



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one look at us, make a snap judgment, and then slot us into a category so that they won't have to deal with us as persons. They treat us as something less than we are, and if we're in constant association with them, *we become less.*

Covenant friendship
is rooted in
covenant love.





1 Samuel 20:14-15

If I am still alive, show me **the steadfast love of the LORD**, that I may not die; and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the LORD cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth."

Jonathan's friendship
and love for David points
ahead to Jesus' love and
friendship given to us.





Philippians 2:5-7

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.



2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



Hebrews 13:5-6

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"



John 15:13,15

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ... No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends

