

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

Kingdom Friendships Are Characterized By:

1. God's Word and Will as the guiding bond
2. God's Love and Support as the abiding value

**DAVID PURSUED GOD
AND MADE
KINGDOM FRIENDSHIPS**

²⁹ Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD.’ ³⁰ **And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’** ³¹ **The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’** No other commandment is greater than these.”

Mark 12:29-31 (NLT)

Many Americans say they feel lonely

- 47%** Feel left out
- 46%** Sometimes or always feel alone
- 43%** Feel their relationships are not meaningful
- 43%** Feel isolated from others
- 27%** Rarely or never feel there are people who really understand them
- 20%** Rarely or never feel close to people
- 18%** Have people they can talk to

SOURCE Cigna survey of 20,000 Americans
George Petras/USA TODAY

“I have students who tell me they have 500 ‘*friends*’, but when they’re in need, there’s no one.”

- Jagdish Khubchandani,
Health Science Professor,
Ball State University

USA Today,
“Young Americans Are the Loneliest”

MOVIE STARS



MUSICAL ARTISTS



SPORTS FIGURES



Recently, major figures in the public eye have been exposed:

- Creating “burner” social media accounts to defend themselves and sway public opinion
- Purchasing massive amounts of their own products to make themselves appear more successful
- Purchasing fake followers on social media

MINISTERS



POLITICIANS



JOURNALISTS



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1 Samuel 19:1-3 (NLT)

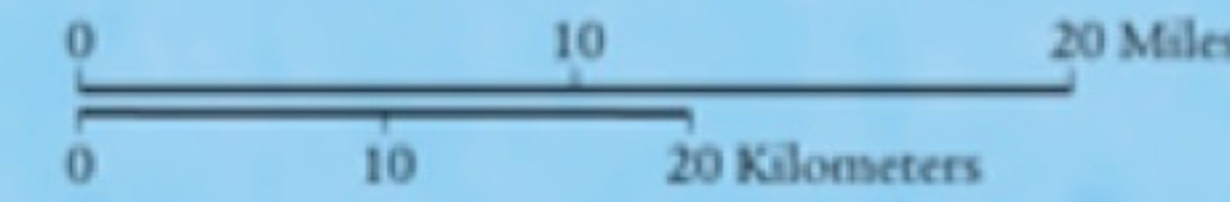
⁴¹ As soon as the boy was gone, David came out from where he had been hiding near the stone pile. Then David bowed three times to Jonathan with his face to the ground. Both of them were in tears as they embraced each other and said good-bye, especially David. ⁴² At last Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, for we have sworn loyalty to each other in the LORD’s name. The LORD is the witness of a bond between us and our children forever.” Then David left, and Jonathan returned to the town.

1 Samuel 20:41-42 (NLT)

¹⁶ And Jonathan, Saul's son, rose and went to David at Horesh, and strengthened his hand in God.

1 Samuel 23:16 (ESV)

- City
- ⓪ Numbered movements of David
- ← Route of David from Saul (as far as Mizpah of Moab #5)
- ← Route of David from Saul (as far as Keilah #8)
- ← Route of David from Saul (as far as Wilderness of Maon #13)
- ← Route of David from Saul (as far as Ziklag #15)
- ← David's offensive actions (#16-19)
- ← David becomes king at Hebron (#20)
- ★ Battle scene



Place where David has chance to slay his rival

A GODLY FRIEND CELEBRATES OTHERS IN THEIR GIFTING AND VICTORIES

¹After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. ²From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. ³**And Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, because he loved him as he loved himself.** ⁴**Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, sword, bow, and belt.**

1 Samuel 18:1-4 (NLT)

C.S. LEWIS & J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S FRIENDSHIP



“One day, Tolkien decided to show Lewis an early draft of what would become [The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings]...At that time, Lewis was undergoing a crisis of faith. But upon reading, by dawn, he had decided to return to Christianity.”

Tolkien: “The unpayable debt that I owe to [Lewis] was sheer encouragement. He was for long my only audience. Only from him did I ever get the idea that my ‘stuff’ could be more than a private hobby.”

- *The Fellowship: The Literary Lives of the Inklings*, Philip & Carol Zaleski

A GODLY FRIEND PROTECTS OTHERS IN THE HARD TIMES

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JACKIE ROBINSON & PEE-WEE REESE



"Pee Wee kind of sensed the sort of helpless, dead feeling in me and came over and stood beside me for a while. He didn't say a word, but he looked over at the chaps who were yelling at me and just stared. He was standing by me, I could tell you that." - Jackie Robinson



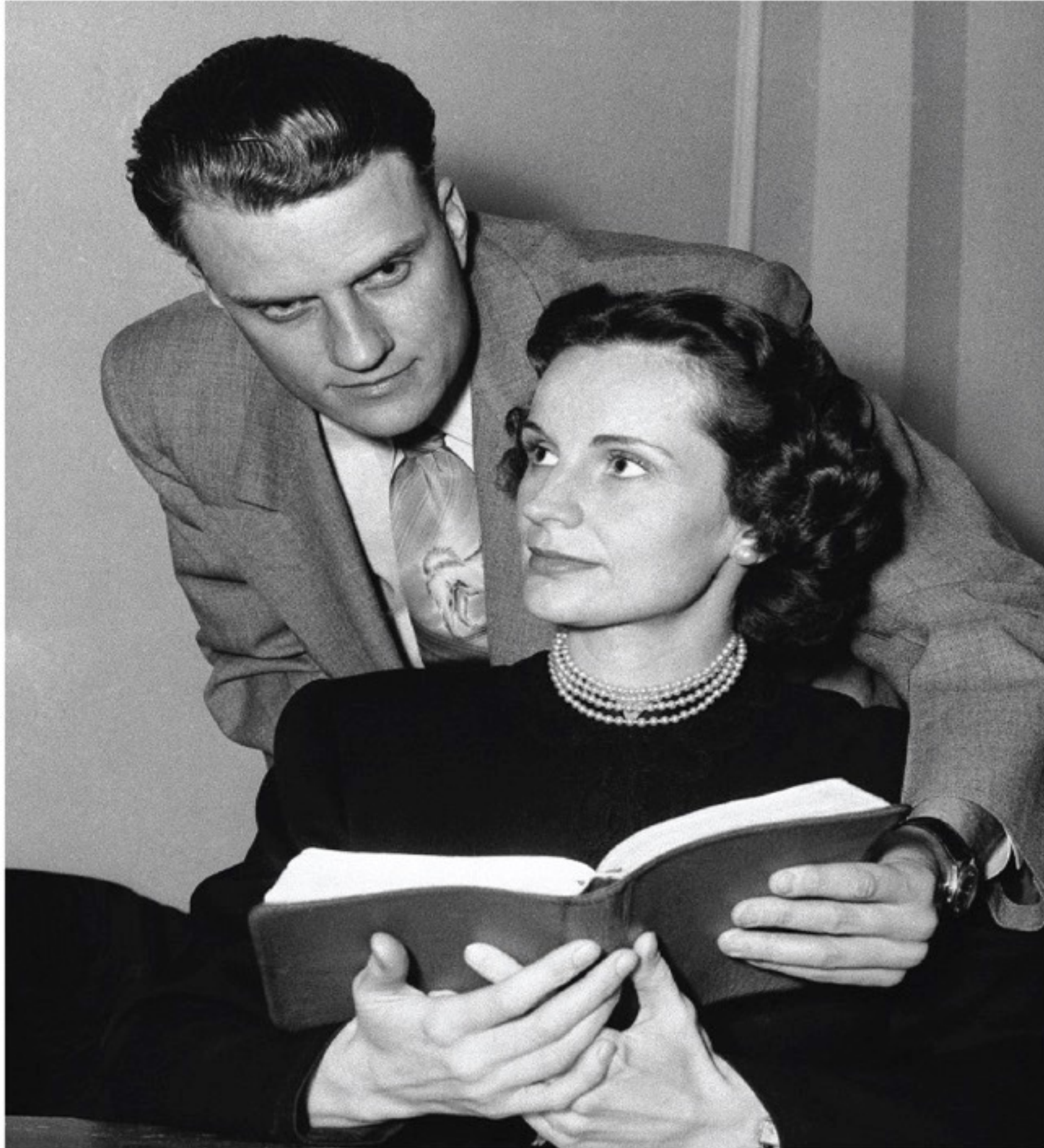
A GODLY FRIEND SUPPORTS OTHERS IN THEIR CALLING

¹³ But if he is angry and wants you killed, **may the LORD strike me and even kill me if I don't warn you so you can escape and live. May the LORD be with you as he used to be with my father.** ¹⁴ And may you treat me with the faithful love of the LORD as long as I live. But if I die, ¹⁵ treat my family with this faithful love, even when the LORD destroys all your enemies from the face of the earth.”

¹⁶ **So Jonathan made a solemn pact with David, saying, “May the LORD destroy all your enemies!”** ¹⁷ **And Jonathan made David reaffirm his vow of friendship again, for Jonathan loved David as he loved himself.**

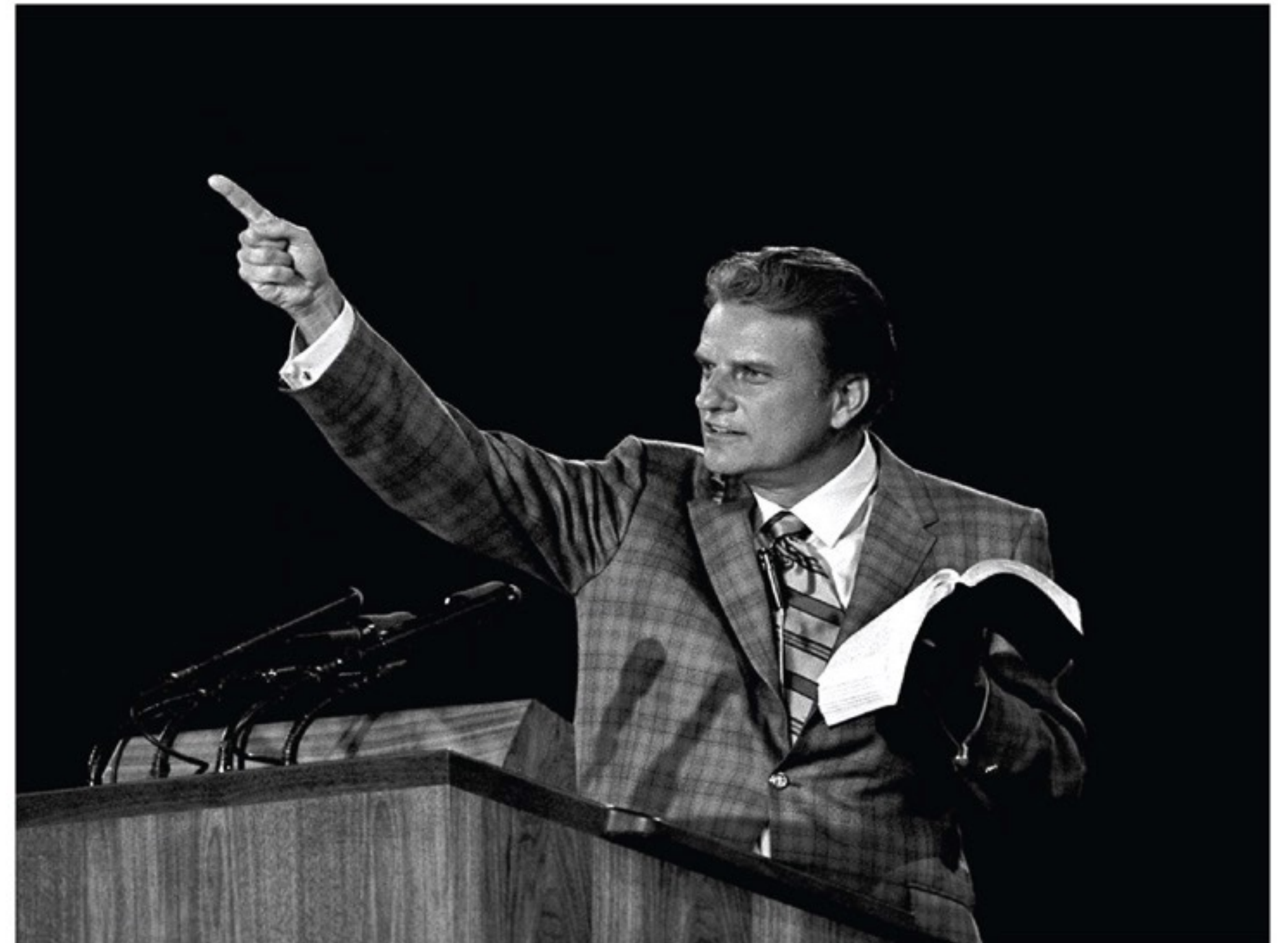
1 Samuel 20:13-17 (NLT)

BILLY & RUTH GRAHAM



“Her encouragement, her counsel,
and her prayers supported me
more than anything else.”

- *Billy Graham, on his wife, Ruth*



A GODLY FRIEND SUPPORTS OTHERS IN THEIR CALLING

²⁴ A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24 (ESV)