WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE? "The Blind Leading the Blind"

- Your relationships
- Your experiences
- Your decisions
- Relationship with God
- Relationship with Family
- Relationship with Friends

¹³ He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. ¹⁴ Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." Matthew 15:13-14 (NIV)

Don't be misled. For **bad company corrupts** good character. **1 Corinthians 15:33 (NIV)**

Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm. Proverbs 13:20 (NIV)

As **iron sharpens iron**, so one man sharpens another. **Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)**

¹ After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, **the king's son**. There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David. ² From 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**.

- "king's son" = True friends sacrifice for you
- "solemn pact" = True friends keep their promises
- "as he loved himself" = True friends love unconditionally

⁴ Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David, together with his tunic, **sword, bow, and belt**. ⁵ Whatever Saul asked David to do. David did it

successfully. So, Saul made him a commander over the men of war, an appointment that was welcomed by the people and Saul's officers alike. ⁶ When the victorious Israelite army was returning home after David had killed the Philistine, women from all the towns of Israel came out to meet King Saul.

• "sword/bow/belt" = True friends sharpen each other

They sang and danced for joy with tambourines and cymbals. ⁷ This was their song: "Saul has killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands!" ⁸ This made **Saul very angry... 1 Samuel 18:1-8 (NLT)**

¹ Saul now urged his servants and his son Jonathan to assassinate David. But Jonathan, because of his strong affection for David, ² told him what his father was planning... 1 Samuel 19:1-2 (NLT)

• "told him" = True friends are loyal

⁴ The next morning Jonathan spoke with his father about David, saying many good things about him. "The king must not sin against his servant David," Jonathan said. "He's never done anything to harm you. He has always helped you in any way he could. ⁵ Have you forgotten about the time he risked his life to kill the Philistine giant and how the Lord brought a great victory to all Israel as a result? You were certainly happy about it then. Why should you murder an innocent man like David? There is no reason for it at all!" ⁶ So Saul listened to Jonathan and vowed, "As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be killed."

1 Samuel 19:4-6 (NLT)

 "king must not sin" = True friends stand by you at great cost to themselves

SHOW ME YOUR FRIENDS AND I'LL SHOW YOU YOU'RE FUTURE.