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3. **Counselor** (Proverbs 27:9).
4. **Encouragement** (Proverbs 27:17). Inseparable, Fraternal, Unconditional.
5. **Closer than a brother** (Proverbs 18:24).
6. **Reliable** "David and Jonathan's Friendship" (1 Samuel 18).

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