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Every problem comes with some bad options!

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Timeline of David

- Named King of Israel as a boy, but Saul is already King
- David, visited his brothers at War, he killed Goliath and became an overnight hero
- Saul was very jealous of David, and the people loved David
- Saul wanted to marry his daughter off to David, that way he could control David. David said he was not worthy
- Another of Saul's daughters wanted to marry David, Michal, Saul said the price was 100 Philistines (Saul thought the Philistines would kill David) David brought 200 dead Philistines
- One day Saul throws a spear at David in the palace and sticks it in the wall by his head (and you thought your family had issues!) then David left and ran..

1 Samuel 24 1000BC

1 After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." 2 So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Craggs of the Wild Goats. 3 He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. (one of the only passages in the Bible about going to the bathroom) ***David and his men were far back in the cave.*** What are the odds of this, hundreds of caves here and Saul goes into the very cave they are in)

4 The men said, "This is the day the Lord spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'"

They were quoting David, they slept on the ground, ate very little, were always looking behind them and David would ;tell them God is going to deliver our

enemy, stick with me and I will be King one day and we won't be sleeping on the ground anymore, I will reward you.

The men wanted David to walk out holding Saul's head and all Saul's men would follow David or run, let's fix this right now.

At the root of most of our problems is a failure to follow God's principles.

You reap what you sow...

Trust in the Lord and don't depend on your understanding...

Don't take revenge but Leave room for God's wrath ...Romans 12:19

Forgive every time...

The borrower is a slave to the lender...

You don't fix a problem caused by failure to follow God's principles by breaking another principle.

That is what David was about to do:

Everyone around him thought killing Saul was a great idea, was it justified?

Yes, Saul was trying to kill him. Saul had it coming, nobody would blame David.

Then David realized he was about to fix a problem by breaking a principle.

I am about to kill the King, my wife's father, my children's granddad.

Imagine David's grandkids asking, Grandpa tell us how you became King ...

well your Great Granddad was taking a _____ and I snuck up behind him and cut his throat!

Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

5 Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. 6 He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the Lord."

Principle: God put Saul as King and God will take him out

And Saul left the cave and went his way.

8 Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. 9 He said to Saul, "Why do you listen when men say, 'David is bent on harming you?' 10 This day you have seen with your own eyes how the Lord delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, 'I will not lay my hand on my lord, because he is the Lord's anointed.' 11 See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the

corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you but you are hunting me down to take my life. 12 May the Lord judge between you and me. And may the Lord avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.'

David is saying, I am opting for following God's principles instead of the quick fix.

Saul said **17 "You are more righteous than I."**

Seven chapters later, a random Philistine arrow hits Saul and kills him and David becomes King.

Every problem comes prepackaged with some bad options. Eventually, all the problems in life get reduced to just a sentence ...

Five years ago, I got a divorce.
Two years ago, I had an affair.
I sent bankrupt last year.
Six months ago, I got a DWI.

Your response to the problem is the real story.

What story do you want to tell?

Which of your options do you want as the permanent part of your story?

Don't use someone else's bad behavior as an excuse to behave badly.

Think of the story you have an opportunity to tell.