

DAVID – FROM BOY TO KING

#6 DAVID – A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART?

What happens when David helps his neighbour

Disagreement:

- The majority think it's a stupid idea
- Our lives and comfort will be turned upside down

Disruption:

- We fight to save a city then move our family to that city
- It is a city where we could be trapped inside, uncertain future

Disappointment: V11

- The people David has helped will now knife him in the back by planning to hand him over to Saul
- So they flee Keilah to Ziph, Maon then En-Gedi carting 600 families, a direct consequence of loving their neighbour.

Luke 23:34

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they do."





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1 Samuel 24: v1-7

After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi." So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats.

He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. 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.' Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

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With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul.

And Saul left the cave and went his way.



1 Samuel 26: v1-12

The Ziphites went to Saul at Gibeah and said, "Is not David hiding on the hill of Hakilah, which faces Jeshimon?"

So Saul went down to the Desert of Ziph, with his three thousand select Israelite troops, to search there for David. Saul made his camp beside the road on the hill of Hakilah facing Jeshimon, but David stayed in the wilderness.

When he saw that Saul had followed him there, he sent out scouts and learned that Saul had definitely arrived.

Then David set out and went to the place where Saul had camped. He saw where Saul and Abner son of Ner, the commander of the army, had lain down. Saul was lying inside the camp, with the army encamped around him.

1 Samuel 26: v1-12

David then asked Ahimelek the Hittite and Abishai son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, "Who will go down into the camp with me to Saul?" "I'll go with you," said Abishai.

So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head. Abner and the soldiers were lying around him.

Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I won't strike him twice."



1 Samuel 26: v1-12

But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?"

As surely as the LORD lives," he said, "the LORD himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish.

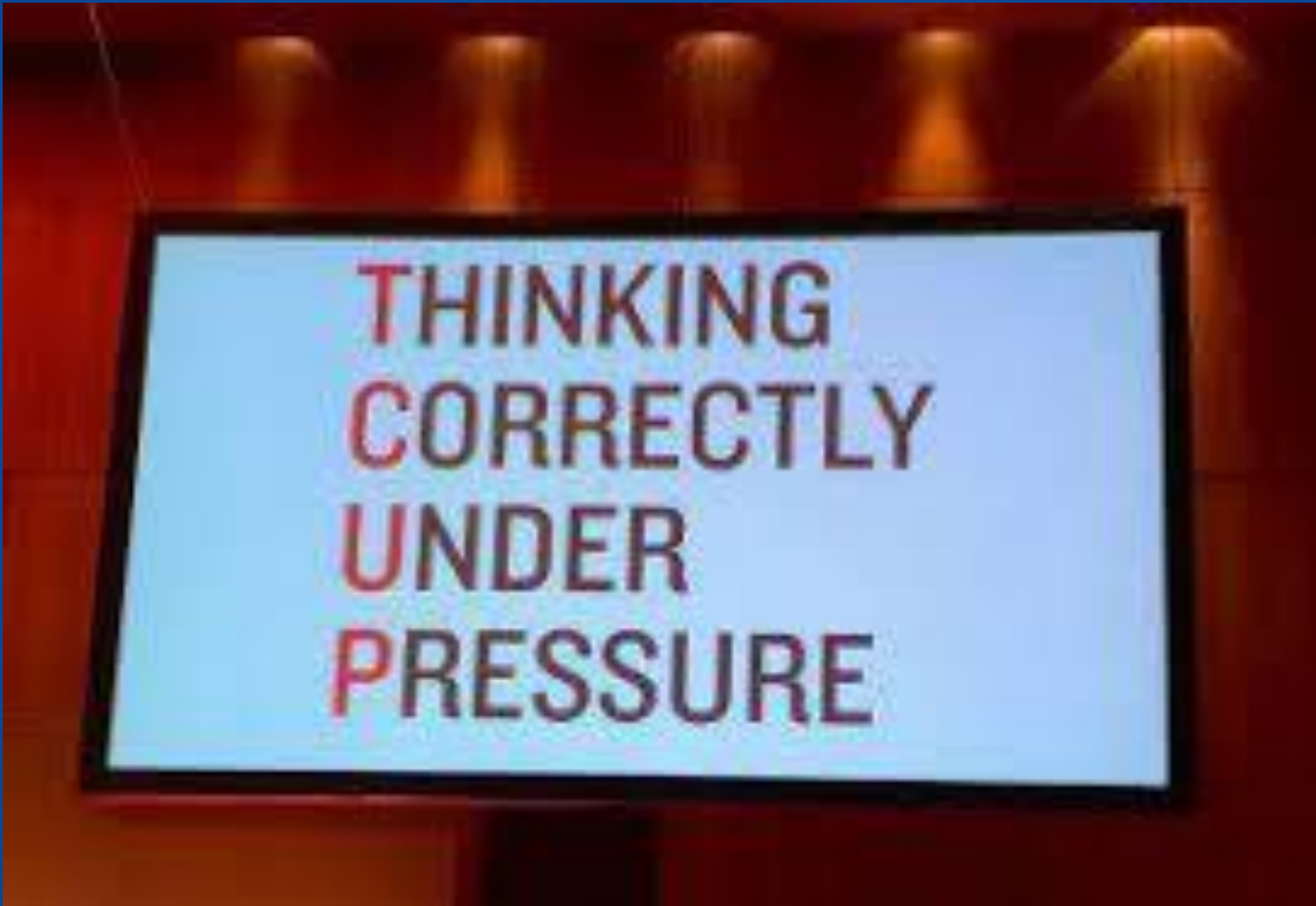
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So David took the spear and water jug near Saul's head, and they left. No one saw or knew about it, nor did anyone wake up. They were all sleeping, because the LORD had put them into a deep sleep.





? Thinking Correctly Under Pressure

A photograph of a rectangular sign with a black border, mounted on a dark wooden wall. The sign has a light blue background and contains the text "THINKING CORRECTLY UNDER PRESSURE" in a bold, sans-serif font. The first letter of each word is red, while the rest are dark grey. Above the sign, five spotlights are visible, casting a warm, orange glow. The entire scene is set against a solid blue background.

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...David to Abner.. As surely as the LORD lives, you and your men must die, because you did not guard your master, the LORD's anointed. Look around you. Where are the king's spear and water jug that were near his head?"

Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is that your voice, David my son?"

David a man after God's own heart

Acts 13:22

... He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.'
(will do everything I say)

What is the heart of God like?

David a man after God's own heart: What is the heart of God like?

John 14: 8-10

... Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works.

What is the heart of God like? A: We look at Jesus

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

JB Phillips..... *It is true that no one has ever seen God at any time. Yet the divine and only Son, who lives in the closest intimacy with the Father, has made him known.*

John 1: 14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

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