



THE RISE AND FALL OF  
**DAVID**

WEEK ONE **HIS CALLING**  
1 SAMUEL 16

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1 SAMUEL 24

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# 1 SAMUEL

CHAPTER 15 God rejects Saul as king

CHAPTER 16 Samuel anoints David

CHAPTER 17 David slays Goliath



1 SAMUEL 18-24  
**Saul cannot kill  
God's anointed king**

18:10-11 Saul throws a spear at David (twice)

19:9-10 Saul throws a spear at David (again)

19:11-12 Saul sends soldiers to David's house

22:6-23 Saul kills the priests of Nob for helping David

23:13-29 Saul hunts for David in wilderness

24:1-3 Saul continues his pursuit of David



1 SAMUEL 24:1-3 <sup>NIV</sup>

After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, “David is in the Desert of En Gedi.”<sup>2</sup> 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.<sup>3</sup> 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.



WILL GOD'S ANOINTED KING  
TAKE MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS OR  
TRUST GOD'S SOVEREIGN HANDS?



THE DANGER  
OF NOT KNOWING  
GOD'S PROMISES

1 SAMUEL 24:4 NIV

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.



GOD'S PROMISES  
ARE RECEIVED,  
NOT ACHIEVED

1 SAMUEL 15:27-28 <sup>NIV</sup>

As Samuel turned to leave, Saul caught hold of the hem of his robe, and it tore. <sup>28</sup> Samuel said to him, “The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today and has **given** it to one of your neighbors—to one better than you.”

1 SAMUEL 18:3-4a <sup>NIV</sup>

And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. <sup>4</sup> Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and **gave it to David...**



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No system that carries oppression, silencing, dehumanizing, violence, abuse, and corruption within is healthy, no matter how godly the goals of that system may be. Tolerance of such things, out of fear, disbelief, or self-deception, will not protect the system from the disease that will kill it if left untreated.

DIANE LANGBERG, *REDEEMING POWER*



COMFORT (EASY)  
CONSENSUS (POPULAR)  
CONSCIENCE (RIGHT)

1 SAMUEL 24:5-7 NIV

Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe. <sup>6</sup> 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.” <sup>7</sup> 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.



GOD'S ANOINTED KING CHOOSES  
RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT REBELLION



## 1 SAMUEL 24:8-11 <sup>NIV</sup>

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. <sup>9</sup> He said to Saul, “Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is bent on harming you’? <sup>10</sup> 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.’ <sup>11</sup> 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.”

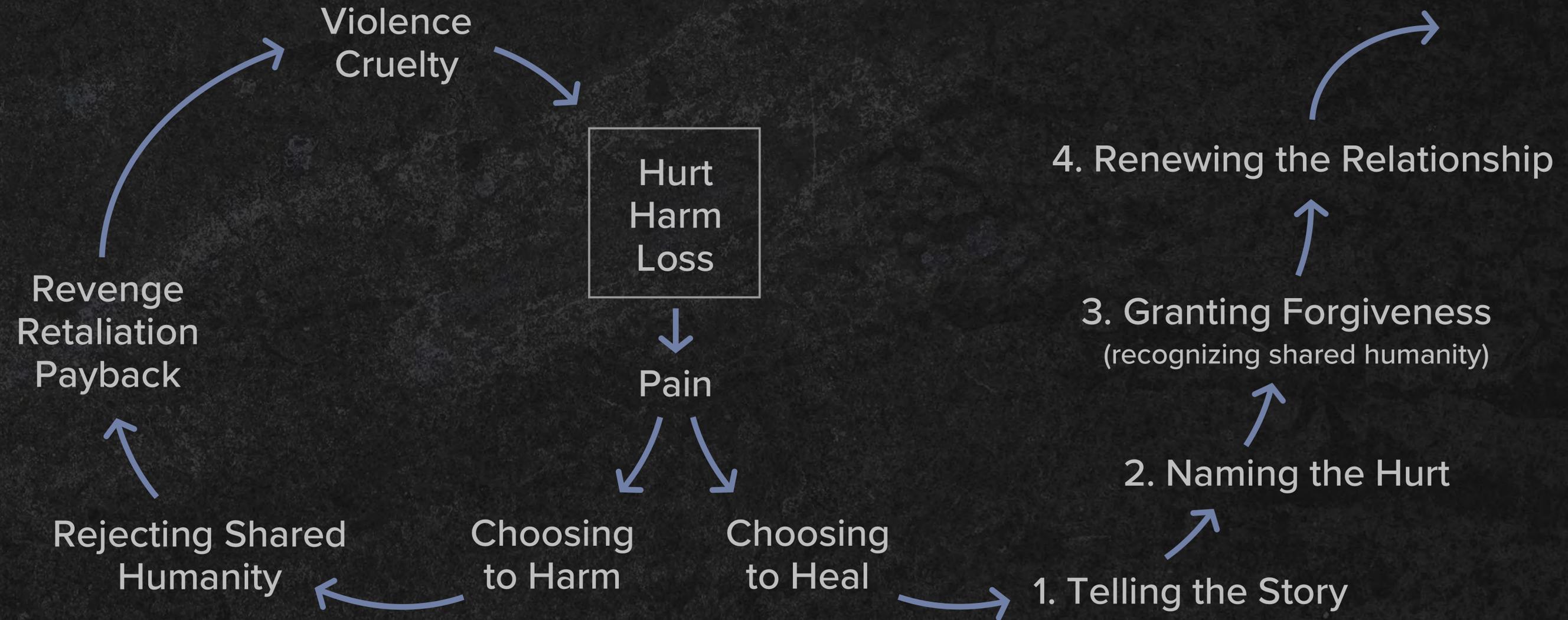


GOD'S ANOINTED KING CHOOSES  
RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT REBELLION  
FORGIVENESS, NOT REVENGE



*THE BOOK OF  
FORGIVING*

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TRUSTING AND WAITING  
IN GOD'S LOYAL LOVE  
(HESED)

PSALM 57:1-3 <sup>NLT</sup>

**For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time he fled from Saul and went into the cave...**

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy!

I look to you for protection.

I will hide beneath the shadow of your wings  
until the danger passes by.

<sup>2</sup> I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who will fulfill his purpose for me.

<sup>3</sup> He will send help from heaven to rescue me,  
disgracing those who hound me. *Interlude*

**My God will send forth his unfailing love and faithfulness.**



TRUSTING & WAITING IN  
GOD'S LOYAL LOVE  
THROUGH SUFFERING

1 SAMUEL 24:12-15 <sup>NIV</sup>

“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. <sup>13</sup> As the old saying goes, ‘From evildoers come evil deeds,’ so my hand will not touch you.

<sup>14</sup> “Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? <sup>15</sup> May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand.”



## 1 SAMUEL 24:16-22 <sup>NIV</sup>

When David finished saying this, Saul asked, “Is that your voice, David my son?” And he wept aloud. <sup>17</sup> “You are more righteous than I,” he said. “You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly. <sup>18</sup> You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the LORD delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. <sup>19</sup> When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the LORD reward you well for the way you treated me today. <sup>20</sup> I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands. <sup>21</sup> Now swear to me by the LORD that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father’s family.” <sup>22</sup> So David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.



GOD'S ANOINTED KING CHOOSES  
RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOT REBELLION  
FORGIVENESS, NOT REVENGE  
TRUSTING GOD'S LOYAL LOVE IN SUFFERING



TRUST & BECOME LIKE  
THE GREATER DAVID

LUKE 23:44-46 <sup>NIV</sup>

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, <sup>45</sup> for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup> Jesus called out with a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.” When he had said this, he breathed his last.

