

WHEN ROCKS FLY

[2 Samuel 16]

1. In moments of weakness & vulnerability, be careful about making RASH DECISIONS. (Proverbs 18:13, 18:17, 21:5, 29:20; Ecclesiastes 5:2; Judges 11:30-31; 1 Samuel 14:24; John 18:10)
2. Those who hold grudges can SAY and DO very hurtful things. (Ephesians 4:26, 29-32; Leviticus 19:18; James 1:19-20, 26, 3:6-8; Proverbs 12:18, 13:3, 18:21; 19:11; 1 Peter 3:10; Psalm 34:13, 141:3; Matthew 12:36-37)
3. Filter the words spoken to or about us to identify what is TRUE and what is a LIE. (Revelation 12:10; Isaiah 54:17; Exodus 23:22; Job 2:1-6; 1 John 3:19-21)
4. Be willing to receive criticism with an open MIND and a prayerful OUTLOOK. (Like 6:27-36; Romans 12:14,20; Colossians 3:13; Proverbs 12:1,5, 15:31-32, 16:32, 27:6)
5. In seasons of weariness, Jesus REFRESHES. (Acts 3:19-21; Psalm 121:2; Jeremiah 31:25; Isaiah 40:31; Jude 1:24; Matthew 11:28; Romans 15:13; Philippians 4:13; John 4:1-45)
6. NEVER ELEVATE [the words of] any man or woman above the counsel of God! (Jeremiah 17:5; Psalm 118:8, 146:3; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Exodus 20:3; Proverbs 16:1-9)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. What contributed to David's rash decision in verse 4? What contributes to our making rash decisions, and what can we do to avoid these?
3. Why did David endure Shimei's attacks instead of punishing him / holding him guilty? What lessons can we learn from David's response to Shimei's cursing and rock-throwing that relate to receiving criticism or verbal attacks?
4. The accusation Shimei hurled at David ("You are worthless", v.7) is essentially the very same thing The Enemy whispers (or perhaps screams) at us from time to time. What are some verses of scripture (God's Word!) we can use when these attacks come our way? What about when our hearts are riddled with guilt to the point where we heap these accusations upon ourselves?
5. Verse 14 says, "And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary at the Jordan. And there he refreshed himself." How do you think David and his men felt to rest at the Jordan? Where do we 'see Jesus' in this verse? What are the applications of this verse (as it fits into ch.16) in our lives?